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Firemen Build Ramp For Easter Seal Child



MEMBERS OF THE AGAWAM FIRE DEPT. Local 1973 built a handicapped access ramp for State and Regional Easter Seal Poster Child, Joshua Bailey of Agawam. The firemen donated materials and labor to build the ramp off a sliding door on the back of the Bailey's Butternut Drive home. From left - Rick Giordano and Don Wells, Agawam firemen; Cheryl Bailey and son Joshua; firefighter Scott Barker; and Lt. Nick Demko. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Lions Sponsor Blood Drive For Red Cross



AGAWAM LIONS CLUB MEMBERS, from left - Matt Blackak, Frank Chriscola, and Lyman Simpson serve breakfast to individuals who participated in the club's Annual Blood Drive for the American Red Cross. Related photo inside. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Brownies In Spirit



BROWNIE TROOP 562 from Robinson Park brought handmade ornaments to the Giving Tree at Baystate West and are pictured below this rather large snowman while downtown.

We're Back From Our Vacation

We hope all of our readers had a safe and happy holiday season. We would like to remind you again that our deadline is every Tuesday at noontime. Thank-you very much. Call us at 786-7747 or 786-8137 if we can help.

Prepare For Winter Emergencies Now!!!

Tate Berkan, president of the Safety Council of Western Massachusetts, suggests preparing for winter emergencies by keeping the following items stored in the trunk of your vehicle: flares or reflective triangles; jumper cables; abrasive material for traction, such as sand, salt or cat litter; a flashlight; and, sleeping bags or blankets.

Shoveling Safely

Many fatal heart attacks occur after the first hard snow fall—when optimistic snow shovelers take on more than they can handle. Berkan offers these safety tips for safe snow shoveling this winter:

- Individuals over the age of 40, or who are relatively inactive, should be especially careful.
- If you have a history of heart trouble, do not shovel without a doctor's permission.
- Do not shovel after eating or while smoking.
- Always lift a full shovel with your legs—not your back.
- Do not work to the point of exhaustion. If you run out of breath, take a break. If you feel tightness in your chest, stop immediately.

Stranded In The Snow

If you find yourself stranded in a car during a winter storm, Berkan suggests you stay calm and stay put. Don't leave the car unless other shelter is visibly close at hand. While you await help follow these safety tips:

- Alert passing vehicles by using flares or even by tying a bright piece of cloth around your antenna.
- Keep the car's interior warm by running the heater once an hour. Be sure to clear the area around the exhaust pipe and outside heater vents.

LEGAL NOTICE

AGAWAM CONSERVATION COMMISSION

The Agawam Conservation Commission will meet on Thursday, January 10, 1990, at 7:30 PM, in the Faolin Peirce Community Room, at the Agawam Police Station, 680 Springfield Street, Agawam, MA. This hearing, pursuant to the provisions of General Laws Chapter 131, Section 40, called to act upon the petition of Elias Bros. to perform work subject to the ACT on Northeast corner of Suffield Street and Adams Street, Agawam, Mass.

Henry Kozloski, Chairman

AGAWAM CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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Agawam Police Dept. Arrest Blotter

On December 16th, **Richard D. McCoy**, 27 Pearl Street, Windsor Locks, Connecticut, was arrested and charged with an outstanding Springfield Police Department warrant. Arresting officers were Mark Poggi and Gary O'Brien.

On December 16th, **Mark A. Perillo**, 36 Central Street, Agawam, was arrested and charged with an outstanding Agawam Police Department warrant. Arresting officer was Keith Bopko.

On December 17th, **William S. Kantany**, 353 Maple Street, Springfield, was arrested and charged with an outstanding Agawam Police Department warrant. Arresting officers were Al Collins and Karen Langevin.

On December 19th, **Michael C. Barber**, 919 Liberty Street, Springfield, was arrested and charged with driving on an expired license. Arresting officer was Jim Donovan.

On December 19th, **William Yarsawich**, 55 Dartmouth Street, East Hartford, Connecticut, was arrested and charged with driving while under the influence of alcohol. Arresting officers were Eric Lottermoser, Keith Bopko, and Mark Ceccarini.

On December 19th, **Peter J. Albano, Jr.**, 138 Daviston Street, Springfield, was arrested and charged with an outstanding Springfield Police Department warrant. Arresting officers were Donald Gallerani and Joe Edwards.

On December 20th, **Michael E. Mosher**, 223½ Central Avenue, Springfield, was arrested and charged with operating after suspension. Arresting officers were Richard Conlon and Mike Gruska.

On December 20th, **Kevin J. Juzba**, 286 Roswell Drive, Springfield, was arrested and charged with being a minor in possession of alcohol. Arresting officers were Mike Gruska and Richard Conlon.

On December 21st, **Valentino Santino**, 373 Prospect Street, West Springfield, was arrested and charged with an outstanding Agawam Police Department warrant.

Arresting officers were Detective Anthony Malone and Detective Daniel Ciak.

On December 22nd, **Alan R. Lancioni**, 328 Babbs Road, West Suffield, Connecticut, was arrested and charged with driving while under the influence of alcohol. Arresting officers were Mark Pfau and Jim Donovan.

On December 22nd, **Timothy B. Schneider**, 168 Wood Road, Somers, Connecticut, was arrested and charged with malicious damage and violation of a restraining order. Arresting officers were Al Collins and Gerald O'Keefe.

On December 23rd, **David St. Onge**, 271 Cold Spring Avenue, West Springfield, was arrested and charged with outstanding West Springfield Police Department warrants and violation of a restraining order. Arresting officers were Jim Donovan, Michael Gruska, and Mark Pfau.

On December 23rd, **Keith A. Leal**, 108 Hendon Drive, Feeding Hills, was arrested and charged with driving while under the influence of alcohol and operating after suspension. Arresting officer was Mark Pfau.

On December 24th, **Mark R. Barrows**, Harmony Road, Forestville, Connecticut, was arrested and charged with driving while under the influence of alcohol. Arresting officers were Keith Bopko, Walter Zymroz, and Jim Donovan.

On December 26th, **Abraham Kasparian**, 161 School Street, Agawam, was arrested and charged with an outstanding Agawam Police Department warrant. Arresting officers were Donald Gallerani, Detective Tom Marmo, and Detective Stanley Chmielewski, Jr.

On December 28th, **Michael Wellspeak**, 558 Southwick Street, Feeding Hills, was arrested and charged with an outstanding Southwick Police Department warrant. Arresting officers were Richard Conlon and Brian Connor.

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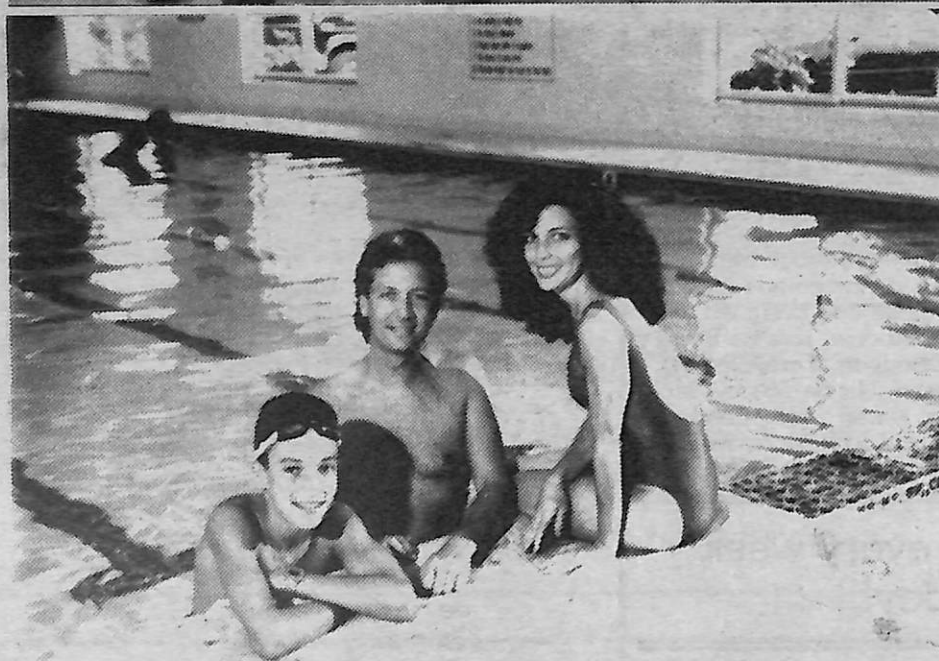
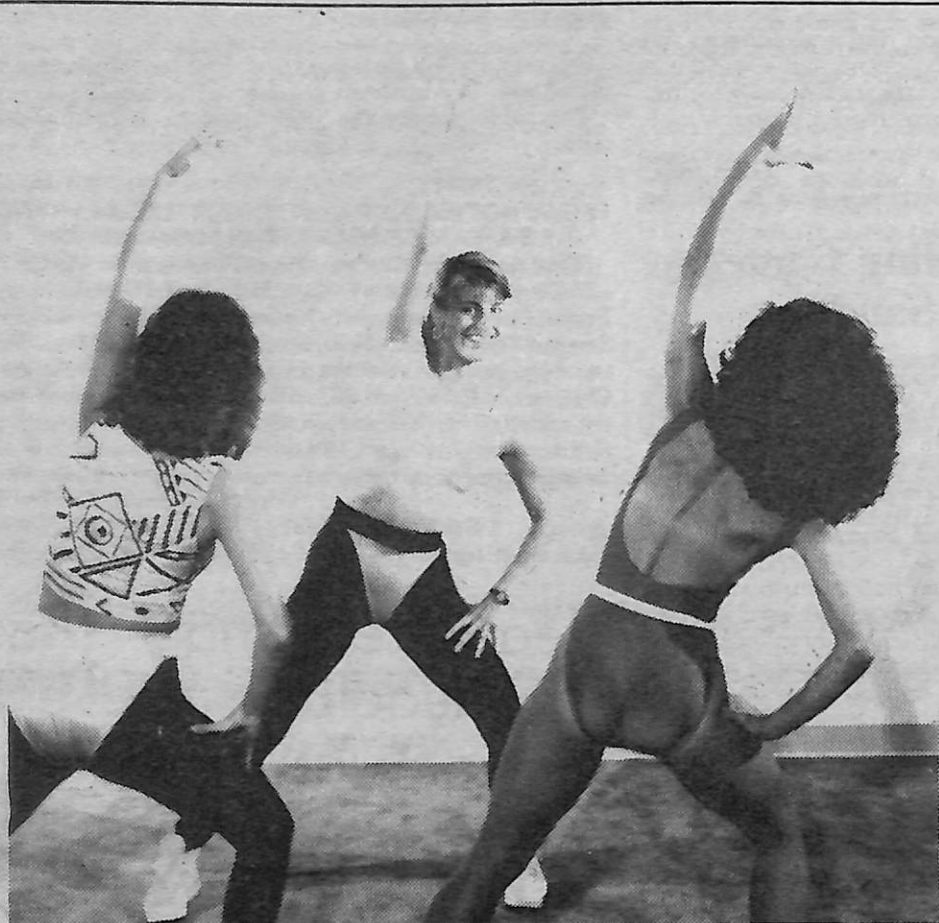
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Letters To The Editor

People Of Agawam Know True Meaning Of Christmas

To The Editor:

Something very special happened on Wednesday, December 12th, on Phelps School lawn.

The young and the young-at-heart arrived on foot and by car to gather for the First Annual Town Sing-along sponsored by Phelps PTO.

Huge boxes surrounding the Memorial on Veterans' Green overflowed with food donated for the town's less fortunate.

There was magic in the air as Phelps School Principal William Miller lit the magnificent Canadian Blue Spruce cut especially for this event and generously donated by DeCaro Brothers Garden Center.

Beneath the glow from the 250 colorful Christmas lights, donated by Rocky's Hardware, voices sang together under the direction of Margaret Bielin.

A special presentation was made by Veterans Service Agent Ruth Bitzas as the song "I'll Be Home For Christmas" was sung reminding us of those unable to be with us during the holidays.

The beautiful wreath and sprays adorning the bandstand were expertly designed by Dan Moraski from greens donated by Cincotta Farms and velvet bows from Mary Cook of Agawam Flowers.

A surprise visit by Mr. & Mrs. Santa Claus made the evening complete as children waited anxiously in line to assure Santa of their good behavior.

By the end of the evening an entire truckload of donated food was collected and delivered to the Agawam Junior Women's Club to be added to Holiday Baskets they prepare each year.

So, here's to you, the people of Agawam, for understanding the true meaning of Christmas—and thanks for the magic!

A Healthy and Happy New Year
Sue Dempsey
Vice-President Phelps PTO
Member Agawam Junior Women's Club

Town Nurse Thanks All For Great Support In 1990

To The Editor: Thank You To Everyone!

I just can't let the old year go and a new one start without letting you all know how grateful I am to you for all the support and help I have received.

To Pauline and all the volunteers I deal with in one way or another at: Well-Baby Clinic, Blood Pressure Clinic, Flu Clinic, Meals on Wheels, the list is too long to enumerate.

To Betty, Teresa, and the kitchen staff for the goodies provided when we need it.

Thank-you for making my job a little more pleasant. Good health, peace, in our own hearts and in the world, for all of you! God Bless.

Your town nurse,
Marialyse L. Rivers, R.N.
Public Health Nurse

Former Senator Sisitsky Says Connelly Is Outstanding Man

To The Editor:

Judge Richard Stearns
Superior Court Department
Massachusetts Trial Court
New Court House
712 Pemberton Square
Boston, MA 02108-1783

Dear Judge Stearns:

I am writing to you on the issue of sentencing former State Representative Edward W. Connelly.

I served 12 years in the Massachusetts Legislative with Edward Connelly, two years as a state representative and 10 years as a state senator.

For 10 years we worked very closely together because we represented many of the same communities in the House and in the Senate.

Edward Connelly has been a very honest and decent person. He has led an exemplary life, one which was struck by tragedy when one of his sons was killed in Vietnam.

Since he is 71 years of age and has suffered the public obloquy of conviction, I do not believe there is any need for incarceration in Edward Connelly's case.

Thanks for your attention to my thoughts on this matter.

Yours truly,
Attorney Alan D. Sisitsky

Agawam Counseling Center Praised By Mrs. Sandlin

To The Editor:

Twenty years ago the Agawam Counseling Center was started by a dedicated volunteer group. This agency which serves our community has a satellite program that assists people who wish to obtain a General Equivalency Diploma, commonly known as a GED. This excellent program instructed by Ruth Roberts offers an alternative educational plan to persons who need to prepare for the GED.

This non-traditional program has been functioning successfully for 16 years through referrals from schools, former students, and from general publicity. The program is primarily academic, focusing on goal setting, taking responsibility and building good self-esteem. Many of their former students have earned their GED Diploma and gone on to further education at institutions of higher learning.

I would like to thank this Agency, and specifically Ruth Roberts, for her dedication and for providing an alternate educational path for the citizens of Agawam. I encourage everyone in our community to applaud and support this agency which in its 20 years has brought a great many valuable services to Agawam.

Rosemary Sandlin
Feeding Hills

Junior Girl Scouts Enjoy Caroling At Heritage Hall

To The Editor:

Thank You Heritage Hall:

We had a wonderful time carolling through the halls, and presenting each hall with a homemade gingerbread village, which the girls made and designed.

Happy Holidays from Jillian Abdow, Kristen Bassi, Christine Campbell, Bridget Donovan, Tara Fleming, Alison Jakobek, Heather Jensen, Nicole Macey, Jennifer McGuire, Sarah Nacewicz, Karen Smith; Leaders, Doris Donovan, Linda Jensen, and Judy McGuire.

Junior Girl Scout Troop 542

Open Burning Dates Set For Agawam: Jan. 15 to May 1

The Department of Environmental Quality Engineering has designated January 15th, 1991 through May 1st, 1991 for open burning in Agawam.

Certain guidelines have been established and must be adhered to.

The Agawam Fire Department will issue and monitor each permit on a daily basis.

Permits will only be issued weather permitting and only to those locations meeting these guidelines.

1. Burning of brush, cane driftwood, and forestry debris will be allowed.
2. No grass, hay, leaves, stumps, paper products, trash of any kind will be allowed.
3. Burning shall take place between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.
4. No commercial or institutional burning permits will be issued.
5. Burning shall be at a location greater than 75 feet from any dwelling.

All permits will be issued from Fire Headquarters by telephone. The business number is 786-2662.

Please do not use the "911" number to call for permits.

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Henry Kozloski, Chairman
AGAWAM CONSERVATION COMMISSION
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Please remember that our deadline is every Tuesday at noontime.

Municipal Events GRAND NATIONAL AUTO

Monday, January 7th
Town Council Meeting
Agawam Middle School
8:00 P.M.

Tuesday, January 8th
Liquor Licensing Commission
Faolin Peirce Community Room
Ag. Police Station
Springfield Street, Feeding Hills
7:00 P.M.

Thursday, January 10th
Board of Appeals
Agawam Public Library
6:30 P.M.

Thursday, January 10th
Ag. Conservation Commission
Police Station Community Room
7:15 P.M.

Thursday, January 17th
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Make Sure IRS Has Your Address Change!

Thousands of taxpayers on the move leave behind their federal income tax refund because the Internal Revenue Service does not have their new address. Last year the postal service returned more than \$40 million in tax refund checks as "undeliverable" because there was no forwarding address.

Changing your address with IRS not only helps get your refund delivered to you, it also ensures that you will receive other important IRS correspondence. Bills or notices of tax deficiency sent to your last known address are legally effective, even if you never receive them. If you have not yet filed your 1990 tax return and have a new address since your last year's return, correct the address on the mailing label and attach it to the return when you file it. The IRS will update your records when the return is processed.

When you move or otherwise change your address, write to the IRS service center where you filed your last return and provide them with your new address. The service centers are listed in the tax package. The IRS needs your full name, signature, old and new addresses and your social security number to process the change of address. Filers of joint returns should provide this information for both spouses.

To order Form 8822, "Change of Address," call IRS at 1-800-TAX-FORM (1-800-829-3676).

LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF AGAWAM PLANNING BOARD

The Agawam Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing on Thursday, January 17, 1991 at 7:15 PM in the Faolin Peirce Community Room, Agawam Police Station, 680 Springfield Street, Agawam, MA. The purpose of this hearing will be to hear the petition of Charles R. Calabrese for a Definitive Subdivision Plan entitled "High Meadows Phase II." This proposed subdivision will consist of five lots to be located on 3.1 acres of land and is an extension of Wagon Wheel Drive.

BY ORDER OF THE AGAWAM PLANNING BOARD
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Agawam Crime Prevention... Obscene Phone Calls On The Rise!!!

by Officer Wayne Macey
Agawam Police Department

There has been a dramatic increase in the number of reported instances of harassing or nuisance phone calls. These calls can be most unnerving and can become a major headache in the lives of both individuals and families.

It is important to understand that these types of complaints are many and not usually confined to any particular area of town. The reasons behind the calls can vary from bitterness over a broken romance, to resentment, and to sexual frustration and perversion.

Unfortunately, we live in a world where some people believe that the only way to communicate and be heard is to hit someone over the head with a sledgehammer or better yet, an obscene phone call. The anonymity offered by the telephone is, for some, the perfect way to express ideas and feelings while remaining safe from public exposure.

Although few of these calls ever result in any kind of physical contact or confrontation, the worry and mental stress created by the frequency and time of the calls can totally disrupt our normal day-to-day routine.

It is also important to understand the harassing phone calls are a violation of both state and federal law and the perpetrator will be prosecuted whenever possible. In addition, the telephone company can remove their equipment and deny service to any customer who uses the telephone for criminal purpose.

Massachusetts Criminal Law Chapter 269 Section 14A states the following, "Whoever telephones another person or causes any person to be telephoned, repeatedly, for the sole purpose of harassing, annoying, or molesting such person or his family, whether or not conversation ensues, or whoever telephones a person repeatedly, and uses indecent or obscene language to such person, shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$500 or by imprisonment for not more than three months, or both."

There are a number of suggestions which should be followed if you are receiving obscene, threatening, or harassing phone calls. According to the telephone company you should: 1. Hang up at the first obscene word or if the caller doesn't say anything the second time you say hello. It is not advisable to slam the receiver because this sends a message to the caller that you are annoyed, and this may be just the reaction he or she is looking for.

2. Give no information about yourself or your whereabouts until the caller has been identified.

3. Advise your children to give no information to strangers over the phone and don't let people know they are home alone.

Lastly, if calls persist and are of a threatening nature, call both your telephone service representative and your police department. Action will be initiated.

LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF AGAWAM BOARD OF APPEALS

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals will give a hearing at Agawam Public Library, 750 Cooper Street, Agawam, THURSDAY, JANUARY 10, 1991, at 6:45 P.M. o'clock, to all parties interested in the appeal of SPRINGFIELD RESOURCE RECOVERY LIMITED PARTNERSHIP which is seeking a Special Permit in accordance with Section 20-51, Paragraph C of the Zoning Ordinances, to allow for the construction of two (2) structures, (Ash Management Building and Maintenance Shed) at the Resource Recovery Facility located on 200 M STREET, BONDI'S ISLAND.

By order of the Board of Appeals,
Ronald Hebert, Chairman

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Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals will give a hearing at Agawam Public Library, 750 Cooper Street, Agawam, THURSDAY, JANUARY 10, 1991, at 6:30 P.M. o'clock, to all parties interested in the appeal of MR. FREDERICK DEMERS who is seeking an extension of a Special Permit to allow for the continued operation of a kennel at the premises identified at 143 SOUTH STREET.

By order of the Board of Appeals,
Ronald Hebert, Chairman

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Chamber Donates To Anne Sullivan Fund



IN TOP PHOTO, Attorney Patricia Hebert, president of the Agawam Chamber, welcomes Lynn Wagert, director of S.T.A.R.T.'s Corporate Health Program, guest speaker for the Annual Christmas Breakfast. At right is Denise Vogel, program director, representing WMECO. IN PHOTO BELOW, former President Richie Mitnick (right), presents James Loomis, representing the Anne Sullivan Memorial Committee, with a check to assist the fundraiser. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

35 New Members Feted At Annual Breakfast

The Agawam Chamber of Commerce held its annual Christmas Breakfast at Crestview Country Club on Friday, December 21st. Thirty-five new members who joined this past year were recognized at the breakfast. Warren Luthgren, Membership chairman, stated the Chamber had identified over 600 business entities in Agawam and almost 50 percent now belong to the Chamber.

The Chamber has grown rapidly in the last few years as the professional staff and programs have increased to service its members. As an affiliate of the Greater Springfield Chamber, the services are equal or exceed those of the major U.S. cities.

Luthgren states, "We expect to see a continuing growth in members as they need our services and especially in areas like Southwick where businesses are joining the Agawam Chamber."

New members recognized were:

Advance Telemesssage Service, Agawam Flower Shop, Agawam Funeral Home, Inc., Appliance Doctor, B.A. Bradley Co., Inc., Belt Technologies, Inc., R.V. Blomstrom Insurance Agency, Champagne Dry Wall, Cogswell Mfg. Co., Inc., Collins Construction, Creative Critter Cuts, Cuccovia Auto Sales, EB's Specialty Chicken Restaurant, Executive Press, Frank Pignatari's Texaco Service Center, Frederick Demers Insurance Agency, G.N.S. Fundraising.

H.M. Curtis, DMD, JB Machine Co., K.C. Tool Distributors, KC Publishing, Kirby's Electrical, Microtest Laboratores, Inc., New England Custom Coaters, Inc., Norgaard Machine, Osborne Clinic, Inc., The Pennysaver, Pioggia's General Store, Precision Alignment, Rocola Vinyl Products Corp., Self Storage Centers, Inc., Southwick Chimney Sweeps, Tele-Commercial Productions, Inc., Western Mass. Lubricants, Inc., Witch Equipment of New England, Inc.

IRS Says Credit Can Be Claimed For Care

Working taxpayers may qualify to claim a credit on their federal tax returns based on child or dependent care expenses. Depending on the adjusted gross income, the credit could be as much as \$720 for one qualifying person or \$1,440 for two or more.

To qualify for the credit: 1) The taxpayer, and spouse if married, must work or be looking for work, and 2) The qualifying dependent must be your child under age 13, disabled dependent or disabled spouse. There are some exceptions for students and disabled spouses.

To claim the credit, file your return on Form 1040 or Form 1040A. Married taxpayers must file a joint return. Remember, you must list the social security numbers for dependents that have reached 2 years of age and the name, address and social security number of your dependent care provider or be able to show that you tried to get the information. Limitations, other important specifics and the calculation of the dependent care credit are in Publication 503, Child and Dependent Care Expenses.

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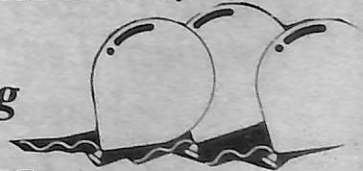
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Agawam Obituaries

Frances A. Warga

Frances A. (Mulak) Warga, 75, of North Westfield Street, Feeding Hills, co-owner of the former Frandrew Gardens, died Monday, December 31st, in a local nursing home.

She and her late husband, Andrew Warga, owned the local nursery and perennial plant business for many years. Her husband died in 1987.

She also had worked as a carpet designer at the former Bigelow-Sanford Carpet Mill in Thompsonville, Connecticut.

Born in the Hazardville section of Enfield, she was a graduate of Enfield High School. She had lived in Springfield and moved to Feeding Hills in 1966. She was a member of the Agawam Garden Club and a communicant of Sacred Heart Church in Feeding Hills.

She leaves a son, James A. of East Hampton, Connecticut; a daughter, Katherine Donaldson of Feeding Hills; four brothers, Joseph of Springfield, Albert of Fort Pierce, Florida, Henry of Chicopee and Edwin of Springfield; five sisters, Eugenia M. Maxellon of Barefoot Bay, Florida, Helen M. Javorski of Bradenton, Florida, Ella M. Desjarlais and Stella M. MacNeil, both of Fort Pierce, Florida, and Irene M. Loomis of Sebastian, Florida, and a granddaughter.

The funeral was at the Agawam Curran-Jones Funeral Home and in the church, with burial in St. Bernard's Cemetery in Enfield. Memorial contributions may be made to any charity.

Sophie J. D'Aiuto

Sophie J. (Peltz) D'Aiuto, 78, of 26 Begley Street, Agawam, co-owner of the former Twin Oaks Restaurant and Lounge, died at home. She worked with her husband, the late Antonio D'Aiuto, until 1955. She had also worked at the Robinson Park School cafeteria for 10 years.

Born in Holyoke, she lived in Agawam for the past 50 years, and was a member of the West Springfield Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses. Her husband died in 1989.

She leaves her son, Anthony F. D'Aiuto of Chambersburg, Pennsylvania; three daughters, Madelyn R. Catania of Agawam, Barbara A. Coughlin of Feeding Hills, and Rose M. Bishop of Shadyside, Maryland, and four grandchildren.

The funeral was at Colonial Funeral Home, with burial in Springfield Street Cemetery in Feeding Hills.

Lucille F. Blakeslee

Lucille F. Blakeslee, 64, of Regency Park Drive, Agawam, a 41-year Springfield teacher and the head of the mathematics department at High School of Commerce, died at home.

She held the most seniority in the Springfield School Department. She taught home economics and mathematics at Forest Park Junior High School from 1949 to 1966, and then taught mathematics at High School of Commerce until this year. She became head of the mathematics department at Commerce in 1986.

She was honored by the Springfield schools in 1988 for excellence in the teaching of mathematics.

Born in Brattleboro, Vermont, she lived most of her life in Springfield, and was a member of the city's South Congregational Church. She also was president of the church's evening guild and benevolence committee.

She did undergraduate work at the University of Massachusetts in Amherst, and received a master's degree in arts in education and counseling from the University of Michigan. She completed postgraduate studies at the University of Hartford and American International College in Springfield. She was a former president of Delta Kappa Gamma Society International's Alpha Chapter.

She leaves a sister, Margaret B. Paulsen of South Burlington, Vermont, and several nieces and nephews and grand-nieces and nephews.

A memorial service was conducted at South Congregational Church. Dickinson-Streeter Funeral Home in Springfield was in charge of arrangements. Memorial contributions may be made to the Lucille F. Blakeslee Memorial Fund, in care of South Congregational Church, 45 Maple Street, Springfield, MA, 01105, for the benevolence committee for a mathematics scholarship.

Bruno E. Biagetti

Bruno E. Biagetti, 78, of 50 South Park Terrace, Agawam, a retired 30-year ordinance worker at the National Guard Armory in Windsor Locks, Connecticut, died in Zephyrhills, Florida. He retired in 1974.

Born in Woonsocket, Rhode Island, he lived in Agawam for 50 years. He was an Army veteran of World War II, and served in the Ardennes campaign in the winter of 1944-45. He received a Bronze Star. He later served in the National Guard, and had a total of 40 years of military service.

He was a communicant of St. John the Evangelist Church, and member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars in West Springfield and the Springfield chapter of the Yankee Division.

He leaves his wife, the former Mary E. Elce; a son, Dennis of Agawam; a daughter, Margaret Brooks of Southwick; a sister, Lena Poggi of Agawam, and four grandchildren.

The funeral was at Colonial Funeral Home and the church, with burial at Hillcrest Park Cemetery in Springfield.

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Families

Golden Age Club Chapter I Revels At Annual Christmas Party



AGAWAM GOLDEN AGE CLUB Chapter I members Betty Giordano, Arline Bianchi, Phil Mercandate, and Florine Bianchi had a grand time at last month's Annual Christmas Party as Chez Josef. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



ENJOYING THEIR APPETIZERS at Chez Josef in Agawam are Golden Age Club members Jennie Montagna and Rose Balboni. Both are Chapter I members who attended the Annual Christmas Party last month. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



CONNIE GALLI and SOPHIE RINALDI are busy taking tickets at the door at the Annual Agawam Golden Age Club (Chapter I) Christmas Party at Chez Josef last month. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Agawam Churches To Gather To Pray For Peace In Gulf

Churches of the Agawam area have expressed concern for the crisis in the Middle East. Local clergy, in answer to that concern, are arranging a "Prayer Service For Peace" to be held on Sunday, January 6th, at 7:00 p.m., at the Agawam United Methodist Church on Route 57.

During the service, the congregation will have the opportunity to offer prayers for friends and members of their families who are either in the Middle East or serving in this country. There will also be an opportunity for laity and clergy to lift their voices in prayer and songs such as "Let There Be Peace On Earth."

The Light of Peace Candle will be brought into the church at the beginning of the service and each participant will be invited to carry a candle outside at the close of the service to form a circle of light.

Local clergy have stressed that this is not a time for political statements, but one for our community to join together in prayer.

All the local news with us, every week!!!

Airman Sharon E. Lockhart Graduates Specialist Course

Airman Sharon E. Lockhart has graduated from an avionics test stations and component specialist course at Lowry Air Force Base, Denver.

Students were taught the fundamentals and applications of electronic principles, and circuit and logic diagrams required for the inspection, maintenance, and calibration of aircraft avionics equipment. Included in the training were aircraft systems theory, common automatic test equipment, and computer operation and programming language.

Lockhart is the daughter of Pamela J. Putnam of 95-107 Commons Drive, Shrewsbury, and Peter B. Lockhart of 149 James Street West, Feeding Hills. She is a 1989 graduate of Agawam High School.

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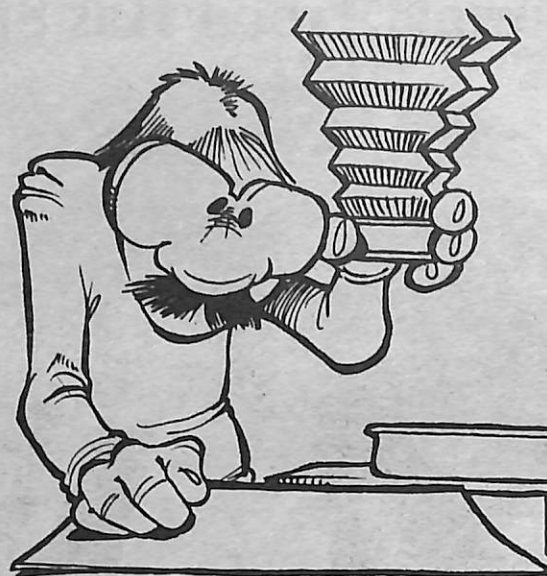
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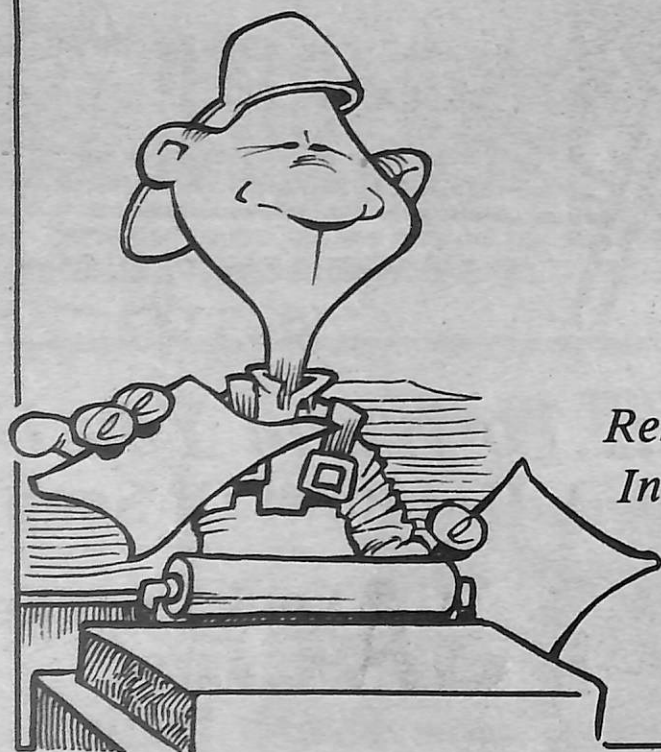


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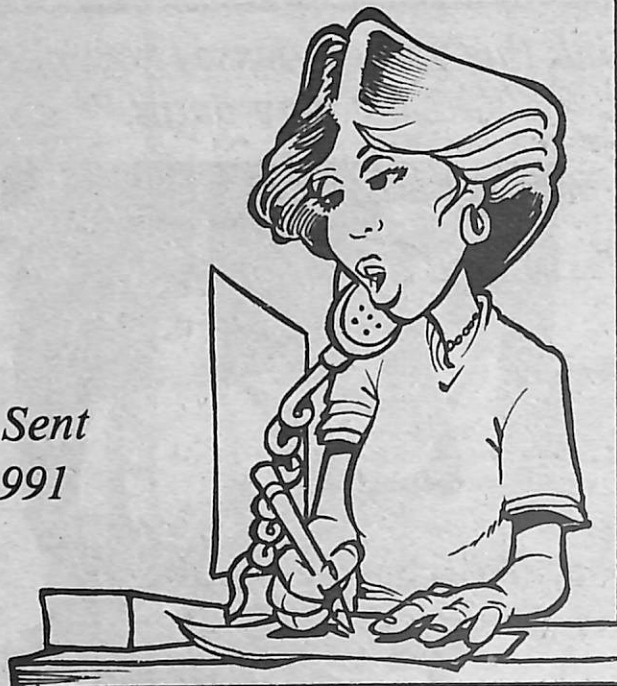
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Brownie Troop Has Spirit Of Giving (Tree)



BROWNIE TROOP 562 members and leaders brought handmade ornaments to the Giving Tree at Baystate West last month to support the charitable cause. RELATED PHOTO ON FRONT PAGE.

Forastiere Funeral Services Has Grief Group

A Discussion Group for those who are grieving the death of a loved one is being offered by the Forastiere Family Funeral Homes.

The topic, "Are You Helping Yourself As Much As You Could?" will be the focus of the meeting with Grief Counselor Lila Forastiere presenting information and facilitating discussion.

Mrs. Forastiere says that grief affects people at all levels and their being (emotional, physical, and spiritual), but most people believe that they are only emotionally "upset" and concentrate on this area of their lives in coping with their losses. It is hoped that the discussion will help grieving people realize that

there are some very tangible things they can do for themselves to better manage their grief process.

The Discussion Group is part of the "OPTIONS... for a brighter tomorrow" emotional support for those who are grieving which is just one of the many "Caring Programs" offered free of charge to the community by the Forastiere, Colonial, and Southwick Funeral Homes.

This discussion will be on Tuesday, January 8th, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m., at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church, 123 Williams Street, Springfield.

For more information, call 733-5311.

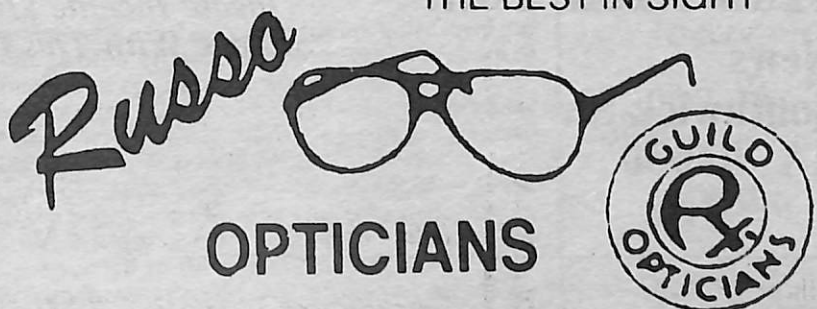
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"I'm So Pretty..."



NICOLE RHEAUME, a member of Ann-Marie's Dance Place Plus, models an outfit at a recent fashion show held at the Westfield Woman's Club in Westfield. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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Children's Xmas Pageant At Ag. Congo



THE CHILDREN OF THE AGAWAM CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH presented a Christmas Pageant, "The Real Christmas Story," at the 7:00 p.m. Service on Christmas Eve, under the direction of Sue Tapply. A great job was done by all. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

This Lion Even Gave His Blood...



AGAWAM LIONS CLUB MEMBER Tom Dacey gives his pint of blood at last month's Blood Drive sponsored by the club at the American Red Cross Building in Springfield. Assisting Tom is nurse Ann Shaw. RELATED PHOTO ON FRONT PAGE. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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Agawam Senior Center Lunch Menu

Monday, January 7th: Pork cutlet, mashed potatoes with gravy, wax beans, pumpernickel bread, fresh fruit.

Tuesday, January 8th: Birthday Celebration. Apple juice, Shepherd's pie, tossed salad, whole wheat bread, birthday cake.

Wednesday, January 9th: Baked chicken breast, sweet potato, peas, pumpernickel bread, chocolate pudding with whipped topping.

Thursday, January 10th: Meatball stroganoff, wide egg noodles, spinach, whole wheat bread, peaches.

Friday, January 11th: Minestrone, vegetable lasagna, cauliflower, broccoli, rye bread, pears.

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Sunday, January 6th
Prayer Service For Middle East
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Ag. United Methodist Church
7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, January 8th
Grief Program For Bereaved People
sponsored by Colonial Funeral Home
at Our Lady Of Mount Carmel Church
183 Williams Street, Springfield
7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Saturday, January 12th
Family Style Ham & Bean Supper
Ag. Baptist Church, Main Street
Servings at 4:45 & 6:15 p.m.

Saturday, January 19th
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FIRE-WISE...**Be Wise - Practice Fireplace Safety!!!**

by Fire Chief Rusty Jenks

Fireplaces are one of the most attractive home features, providing family members warmth throughout the cold winter months. However, lack of maintenance and safety precautions can create serious home hazards, says Barbara W. Vaughn, director of Relocation of George & Green Real Estate Co., Inc.

"As temperatures drop, families are often anxious to light that first fire of the season. But before striking that first match, homeowners should give their fireplace a thorough inspection," Vaughn notes.

George & Green Real Estate Co., Inc. is a member of RELO/The International Relocation Network, the nation's oldest and largest referral network of independent real estate brokers. The RELO network, headquartered in Chicago, provides a wide range of relocation services to assist transferees and their families sell a house in one community and purchase a new home in the new community. The network, celebrating its 30th anniversary this year, reported more than \$50 billion in total real estate sales volume from its members in 1989.

"A look up the chimney to make sure that the area is clear of any obstructions should give homeowners an idea of the fireplace's condition," Vaughn says.

"Those homeowners who have never operated a fireplace before as well as those who have recently purchased a home should call in a professional to give the entire fireplace and chimney a thorough inspection," she adds.

Vaughn also recommends that homeowners periodically have their chimneys professionally cleaned in order to clear dangerous soot from the insides of the fireplace walls. "This will prevent any residue from

igniting and creating an out-of-control blaze," says Vaughn.

A good inspection is the start of practicing fireplace safety, but family education is paramount in ensuring proper use, notes Vaughn. She recommends that older members of the family know how to build and maintain a fire. Vaughn emphasizes, "Be sure that every person in the family also knows what to do in case the fire gets out of control—make a firm plan of action."

She recommends that homeowners add a fireplace drill to their regular fire drill routines. "The only way younger members of the family will know what to do in case of fire is practice. Children should also be instructed to know that fireplaces are not toys and can cause them harm if not treated with caution," Vaughn says.

She adds, "A safe and properly used fireplace can cut home heating costs and provide hours of comfort and enjoyment to the family."

In addition to providing a wide range of relocation services, the RELO network has entered into an agreement with the Dallas-based Associates Corporation of North America, allowing George & Green Real Estate Co., Inc. and other RELO members to further help homebuyers as well as sellers by offering a variety of financial services for transferees.

RELO also recently announced the formation of two new divisions providing its members with the opportunity to expand activities with both commercial and rental properties.

George & Green Real Estate Co., Inc. has four offices and 40 sales associates and has served the Greater Springfield area for 16 years.

Home Builders To Hold General Membership Meeting

The Home Builders Association of Greater Springfield will hold its general membership meeting on Tuesday, January 15th, at 6:00 p.m., at the Carriage House, Storowton Tavern, West Springfield.

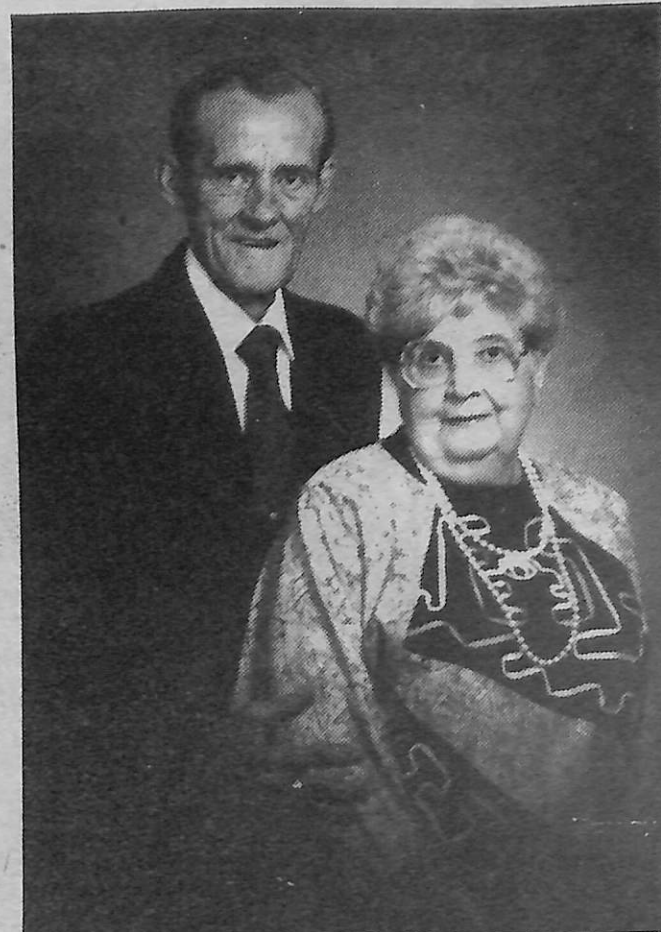
President James Walsh will honor Ronald A. Ardizoni of Ardizoni Custom Carpentry, Southwick, and A. Stephen Fox of Hornor-Fox Builders and ERA Hornor-Fox Real Estate, West Springfield, as the December and January "Builders of the Month." Donald F. Doyle of Fairway Wholesale Corporation, South Hadley, and David R. Chamberland of Chicopee Building Supply, Chicopee, will be honored as the December and January "Associate Members of the Month."

For additional information, please contact the Home Builders Association of Greater Springfield, 733-3126.

Part-Time Opening Available In Air National Guard

Immediate part-time openings exist for aircraft maintenance specialists in the Massachusetts Air National Guard at Barnes Airport in Westfield, according to recruiting TSgt. Val Melloni. "No experience is necessary for these part-time openings. Vacancies also exist for jet engine mechanics, firefighting, food service, administration, computer operations, and more."

TSgt. Melloni, a 1974 graduate of Agawam High School, also states that a \$2,000 enlistment bonus is available for some part-time positions. By joining the Westfield unit, a person will be a part of the best rated A-10 aircraft unit worldwide. Interested applicants should call 568-9251 or 1-800-AIR-9151 for earliest placement.



MR. & MRS. GEORGE DION

George & Irene Dion Celebrate 50th Anniversary

Mr. & Mrs. S. George Dion of Feeding Hills, formerly of Springfield, recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary.

The couple was married on December 30th, 1940. They have two sons, Roger of West Springfield and James of Agawam; four grandchildren, and a great-grandchild is due in June.

Dion worked for King's Department Store before retiring. Mrs. Dion, the former Irene DeRose, was an inspector for 35 years at Carter's garment factory. They have resided in Feeding Hills the past nine years.

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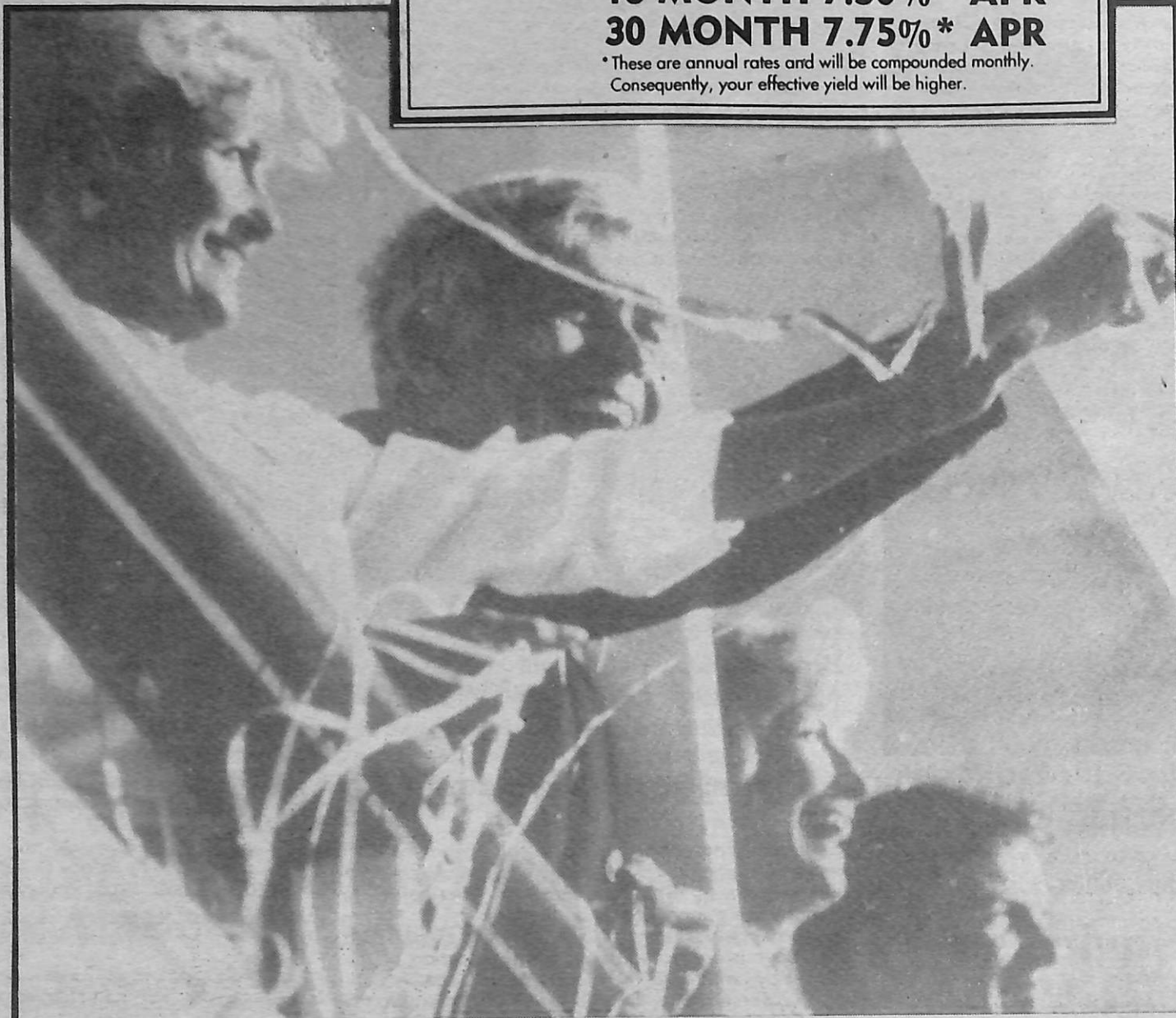
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BAYPATH COLLEGE student Michele Czapor organizes a card game for Heritage Hall Nursing Home residents Mildred Gane and Jessie Anderson during a visit by the students to spread some holiday cheer.

Bay Path Students Visit Heritage Hall

Several students at BayPath College in neighboring Longmeadow recently visited residents at Heritage Hall in Agawam to spread some holiday cheer. The students assisted residents with activity projects including puzzle making, and "Cardo," as well as creating holiday decorations.

The students are also members of the Golden Z Club, an affiliate of the Zonta Club of Springfield, a women's service organization. Criteria for membership in the Golden Z Club is community service involvement. The students have contributed hundreds of hours of service to their school and the local communities. Some of their projects include ringing the bells for the Salvation Army, visits to children in area hospitals and this most recent visit to Heritage Hall residents in Agawam.

The students will continue an association with Heritage Hall in the future as part of their service to the Greater Springfield area.

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WORKING ON A PUZZLE during the holiday season are BayPath College students, Heritage Hall residents and staff members. From left - Shannon Willis, Sheila Lyons, Augusta Lynch, Kay Babcock, Michele Czapor, and Allison Heath.

Fire Dept. Warns About Juvenile Firesetters

Estimates show that well over half the incendiary fires in larger municipalities are caused by children under the age of 18. In fact, many are younger. Boys are more likely than girls to be the culprits.

Unfortunately, simple curiosity, often combined with poor supervision, accounts for a large portion of the fires set by children and the children who set fires are from a diverse group, with varied social backgrounds and varying motives. Some children who set fires are from "unstable homes," and many come from poor families. However, the statistics do not define a specific racial or ethnic group to be involved, nor is it found that many of the children have serious problems.

When identified juvenile firesetters warrant preven-

tion efforts. The Agawam Fire Department provides these suggestions:

- reduce the likelihood that any child will engage in unsupervised or otherwise potentially dangerous firesetting by removing matches and lighters from reach.

- reduce the likelihood that children who have engaged in occasional unsupervised and/or otherwise dangerous firesetting do not repeat this behavior by better supervision and/or corrective measures.

- identify and work intensively with those children who have an established history of firesetting.

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College Students Visit Heritage Hall



TO SPREAD SOME GOOD HOLIDAY CHEER, students from BayPath Junior College in Longmeadow paid a visit to Heritage Hall Nursing Home last month to spend some time with the residents. Pictured above, from left - Darlene Roop, Millie Gone, Jessie Anderson, Inez James, Allison Heath, and Michele Czapor (standing).

Community Grange's Card Parties Are Back

With the New Year already underway, and the Grange Card Parties scheduled on the first and third Thursdays, the first one is history. The next party will be Thursday, January 17th, starting promptly at 7:30 p.m., at the Grange Home, 47 North West Street, Feeding Hills.

Elise Bradway is in charge, assisted by Ellen Kloster. Grocery prizes are awarded and refreshments are served.

If you have been wanting to attend for some time, make it this month, and continue to come all winter.

Bitzas Holds Party For Students At Center

Councilor George Bitzas, Maria Stamatopoulos, and Tsoula Biakis, teachers at the Greek Cultural Center, held a Christmas Party for their students last week.

During the party the spirit of Christmas giving was evident. Along with their teachers, 20 of the students who attend the Greek school donated \$60 toward the Agawam Fuel Assistance Program. On Thursday, Councilor Bitzas and four of the students representing the Greek school presented a check to Mayor Christopher Johnson.

The students were Korneila Moysis, 9, of Agawam, Kostas Klitsas, 9, Vasilios Klitsas, 11, of West Springfield, and Philip Bitzas, 10, of Westfield.

Wow, It's Mrs. Claus!



PRIOR TO THE CHRISTMAS VACATION, Mrs. Claus took time out of her very busy schedule in order to pay a visit to some local schoolchildren at the Agawam Public Library.

Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

UNICO Slates Next Meeting January 16th

The Agawam Chapter of UNICO will hold its next meeting on Wednesday, January 16th, at Alexander's Restaurant in Feeding Hills at 6:30 p.m., with dinner being served at 7:00 p.m.

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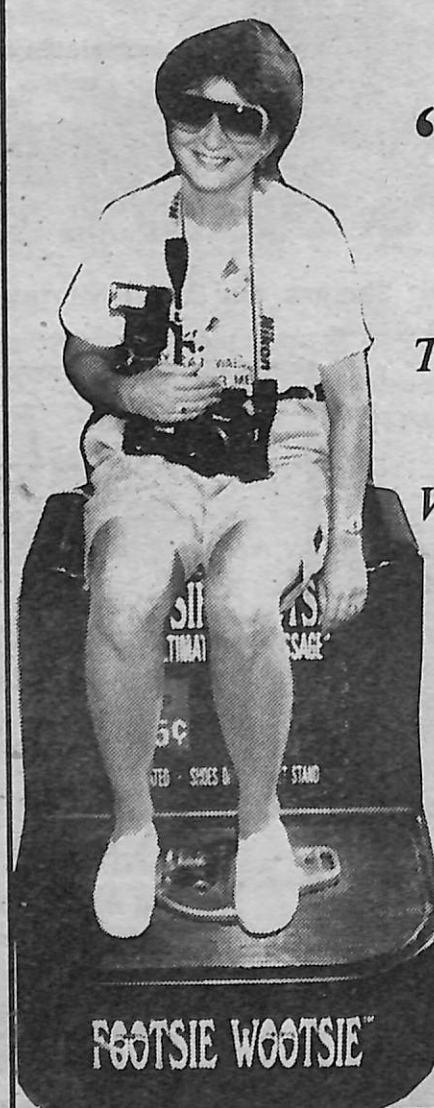
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Heritage Hall News, Activities, & Events

RESIDENT OF THE WEEK

Mary Callahan

Mary Elizabeth (Keenan) Callahan was born on August 13th, 1905 in Pittsfield, Massachusetts. She had two siblings—one brother and one sister.

Mary was educated in the Pittsfield School System and graduated from Pittsfield High School with a Business Education diploma. After graduation, she worked at England Brothers Department Store until her marriage to Howard Callahan on October 15th, 1934. They had one child, Pat Heihsel.

Throughout her marriage, Mary enjoyed caring for her family, sewing and cooking.

Mary lost her husband, Howard, December 19th, 1989; he was a resident at Heritage Hall West. At that time they were married for 55 years.

Her family now consists of her daughter, Pat, son-in-law, Larry, and grandchildren, Laurie and Jay.

Mary developed new interests in crafts, watercolor painting and many new friends. In 1990 she was elected to the Resident Council, taking a position on the Food Fact Finding Committee. We are very happy to have Mary here with us at Heritage Hall North.

"I REMEMBER"

by Gladys Samson

"Speaking of housekeeping in the good old days, I can vividly remember many, many things my mother did and the different things my sister and I did to help.

"We had a very nice clothesline which had 'hitched' up from the back porch to the end of the yard on a pole which served the purpose. Our clothes were boiled in an old copper receptacle which was in our basement and was heated by a small gas stove.

"We also had a single wringer which was used to put the clothes through and put them in a big clothes basket and carry them outside where mama hung them on the line using clothespins. On a nice sunny, blowy day, they always came out so smelly clean and nice.

"I'm not mentioning the ironing as my sister and I 'left' that to mama.

"We also waited for the iceman who came every Wednesday and mama would leave a card in the window saying how large a piece she wanted. He would put a big black rubber looking cloth on his back and cut the size

wanted and with a pair of tongs would throw the piece over his back and deposit it in our icebox. We left a large pan under the icebox and as the ice melted, we would empty it and replace it again to be filled later.

"There were so many things to do. Our rugs were taken out and hung over the clothesline and would be 'whacked.' We all took turns until we decided the rug was clean. Our lace curtains were put on a wooden frame with pins inserted all around the frame and after the curtains were lightly starched, we would pin each edge on at first and then fit the curtain evenly on the pins. They usually came out lovely.

"Now, as for medicine, that was given, papa would take Elma and me to a small drug store and Mr. Harris would mix us a glass of castor oil and orange juice. It tasted awful but every once in a while, mama decided it was time for another dose.

"Our bathroom was nice but old fashioned—a long chain being pulled to flush it when needed.

"Our 'chandeliers' were lit by gas and my father had a long gadget with a lighted taper on it and would turn on the gas and light the room.

"Our lovely iron stove served for many things—oatmeal cooking on the back of the stove—soup left to slowly simmer all night."

Daisy Memorial Dedication

Residents and children of the Magic Mix Program attended the unveiling of Daisy's Photo Memorial, which will take a place of honor in the first floor lobby of North Building.

Invited to unveil the mounting was honored guest, Sylvia Sullivan, recipient of the 1990 "Humane Educator of the Year" Award.

Mrs. Sullivan had Digger, a South American Degu, the Mascot of Room 6 of the first grade, where Mrs. Sullivan teaches. She also brought along two family pets, which were long-haired guinea pigs named Gimmine and Cricket, with her for us to share.

Mrs. Sullivan had met Daisy when visiting at North Building. She thought that Daisy was perfect. We think Mrs. Sullivan is the perfect person to unveil Daisy's Memorial.

Congratulations to Mrs. Sullivan on her award; the Resident Council is sending a gift to the M.S.P.C.A. in her honor.



MARY CALLAHAN
"Resident of the Week"

AHS Honor Society Assisting Heart Asso.

The Agawam High School National Honor Society students will ask the Agawam community to open their hearts on January 10th, when they call local residents to request donations in support of the American Heart Association.

The students hope to reach their goal of \$1,000 to support the research and educational programs of the American Heart Association in Western Massachusetts.

The community is asked to be generous when the students contact them for this important effort.

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Pharmacy FACTS

by George R. Atkins, R.Ph.



NEWS FOR WOMEN

According to a study reported in the "New England Journal of Medicine," postmenopausal women may have a new ally in their fight against osteoporosis. This bone-thinning disease affects approximately 20 million American women and causes about one-and-a-half million bone fractures each year. However, researchers have found that a drug called etidronate may halt, and actually reverse the bone-thinning process. The evidence for this finding comes from following the progress of more than 400 postmenopausal women with a history of spinal fractures. After two years, those women who were treated with etidronate had half the number of subsequent fractures of the vertebrae that those who did not take the drug experienced. This represents a positive step forward in effectively treating osteoporosis with drug therapy.

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HERITAGE HALL RESIDENTS Lois Sherban and Pearl Morton enjoy some holiday desserts last month. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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More December Activities At Heritage Hall



HERITAGE HALL RESIDENT KATHRYN MONAHAN sings along at the piano with entertainer **Joan Stack** during a holiday program in the East Building last month. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



SYLVIA SULLIVAN, a guest at Heritage Hall Nursing Home, unveils the "Daisy Memorial" as resident **Lena DePinto**, one of Daisy's Care Givers, looks on. DETAILS ON PREVIOUS PAGE in Heritage Hall News. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



METAMORPHOSIS:
A minister's view...
by **Dr. Bob Murray**
Pastor, Valley Community

I Believe 1 Corinthians 12:15

I like brightly wrapped packages with pretty bows. I like cards with verses that make me feel good all over. I like it best when the package and the card express my mood...sometimes funny...sometimes blue...sometimes with a deep and philosophical tone... It is good that the same thing can be wrapped in so many different ways.

It is good because people come in so many different forms...with such a variety of likes and dislikes.

Religion comes wrapped in a thousand different packages...Some are gaudy...some sublime...some more worldly...some deep and philosophical.

Some bring a tear to the eye...Others a smile to the face.

But, inside, if it is sincere is that person's faith. Inside is that person's concept of God. Inside is what matters! The contents are what is important.

And in the things that matter it is surprising how similar each package becomes.

It is a shame that we let the wrappings of religion divide and separate us. It is a shame that we let the form overshadow the function. It is too bad that the style is more important than the substance.

Perhaps, in time, we will learn that inside is brotherhood...inside is love thy neighbor and Him above...inside is God...inside are the things on which we can agree...

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Operation Friendship Slates Oldies Dance For January 19th

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Beat the post holiday blues, grab some friends, and join us at the Feeding Hills Polish American Club, from 8:00 p.m. to 12:00 midnight, with music by D.J.'s "J&J." Advance tickets are \$6 (\$7 at the door).

Proceeds from the dance will help fund some of the expenses to host a group of 13 European youth this summer.









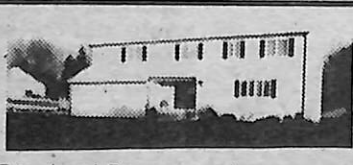
For information, call Bill Rose, 786-0195, or Wes Mueller, 789-1757.

Agawam Baptist Church Plans Ham & Bean Supper Jan. 12th

The Agawam Baptist Church, Main Street, Agawam, will hold its Family Style Ham and Bean Supper, Saturday, January 12th, with serving times at 4:45 and 6:15 p.m.

The menu includes baked ham, home-baked beans, potato salad, cole slaw, rolls, coffee, tea, or milk, and assorted homemade pies.

Adults are \$7; children under 10, \$3. For reservations, call 786-8570, 786-8209, or 786-8609. If you are unable to honor your reservation, please call and cancel.

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Spotlight On Business

Agawam Friendly's Voted The Best!!!



FRIENDLY'S has just completed judging for a chain-wide decorating contest for Christmas. Agawam Friendly's on Springfield Street was voted the best decorated Friendly's in the chain. The Agawam restaurant first won the district judging, then the division judging, and finally, judging for the entire region. The management wishes to thank their friends and customers for their support and donations. PICTURED IN PHOTO LEFT are waitresses Chris Filkoski and Monica Gaffney; IN PHOTO RIGHT, pictured are Manager Debbie Byrnes and Assistant Manager Jim Burton. RELATED PHOTOS ON NEXT PAGE. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

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Agawam Friendly's Named "The Best" - continued



AGAWAM FRIENDLY'S RESTAURANT ASSISTANT MANAGER Jim Burton poses next to one of the many Christmas decorations that adorned the restaurant. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



DEBBIE BYRNES, manager of the Agawam Friendly's, is very proud that her restaurant was named the best decorated in the entire Friendly's chain during the Christmas season. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Continental Cable Wins National Award

Viewer's Choice, the nation's leading pay-per-view network, has named Continental Cablevision of Westfield as the first inductee in the first annual Viewer's Choice Hall of Fame, announced Jim Heyworth, president, Viewer's Choice. The winner, represented by Gregg Graff, Marketing Manager, Continental Cablevision of Westfield, was chosen from a field of 60 submissions.

The Viewer's Choice Hall of Fame is an annual award designed to recognize those systems which play a major role in the advancement of the pay-per-view industry. Continental Cablevision of Westfield was selected based on both system performance and quality of marketing efforts. The cable system will receive a \$5,000 cash award and industry-wide recognition for its achievements.

Viewer's Choice, the nation's leading pay-per-view network, offers two channels of top Hollywood films, sports and entertainment events. Viewer's Choice serves 350 affiliated cable systems with 14 million basic homes and more than 8 million addressable subscribers, one third of which have two Viewer's Choice channels.



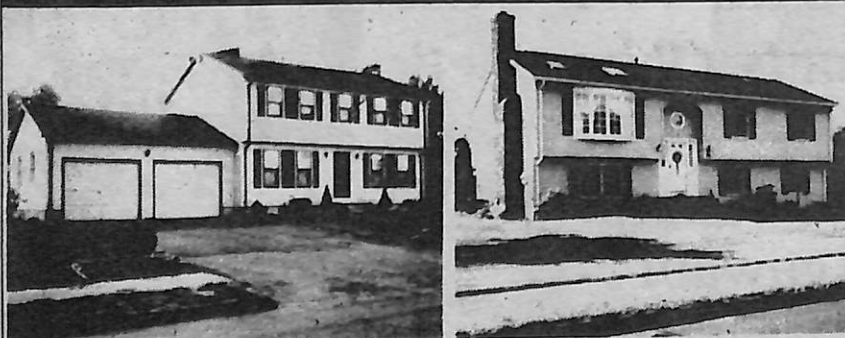
GREGG GRAFF, marketing manager of Continental Cablevision of Westfield (center), receives a plaque and check for \$5,000 from Viewer's Choice officials Bob Bedell, senior vice-president (left) and Jim Heyworth, president. Continental of Westfield was selected as the first inductee in the Viewer's Choice Hall of Fame in recognition of its superior marketing of pay-per-view television.

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Baby Bugs

Numerous studies show breast-fed babies suffer less digestive disorders than their bottle-fed peers. Now researchers suspect the same holds true for infections. What accounts for the difference? Microscopic intestinal organisms called bifidobacteria may be the answer. Studies show these bacteria protect babies and young children against a slew of intestinal infections and disease.

New evidence, however, points to a gradual decline of bifidobacteria levels in breast-fed babies. A German study spanning 20 years documented this decline and also found a corresponding rise in harmful bacteria.

Researchers at the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania found that of 61 breast-fed babies, only 20 percent had robust bifidobacteria levels. Declining bifidobacteria levels may be a result of increased air, water, and soil pollution, as well as increased pesticide and antibiotic use, according to Jeremija Rasic, Ph.D., an international expert on bifidobacteria.

Rasic suggests supplementing a baby's diet with dai-

ly doses of bifidobacterium infantis, available as a freeze-dried powder. Rasic advises daily ingestion of 1 million to 1 billion viable bifidobacterium infantis. That way, the baby is certain to get the protection these friendly microorganisms provide.

Diet Counts After Breast Cancer Develops

New research calls for eating less fat to reduce the risk of developing breast cancer. It appears that **women who fall victim to breast cancer are likely to survive longer if they have been eating a low-fat diet**, because their tumors tend to respond more readily to treatment.

Researchers at the Karolinska Hospital in Sweden made that observation when they looked at the dietary histories and tumor samples of 240 women who had undergone surgery for breast cancer. The tumors of those who had followed low-fat, high-fiber diets were relatively small, and the smaller the tumor, the more curable it is.

In addition, the tumors in these same women were more likely to be rich in what are known as estrogen receptors—areas of the surface of the tumor that allow the entry of the hormone estrogen. Women with breast tumors rich in estrogen receptors have a longer life expectancy after treatment than those whose tumors contain relatively few of them.

The evidence is clearly leaning in favor of eating less fat. **The researchers, reporting in the Journal of the National Cancer Institute, even go so far as to say that following a low-fat diet once breast cancer has developed and has been treated could prove important.**

CHOICE HEALTH is located in the Crossroad Shoppes, Southwick Street, Feeding Hills Center.

Mercy Hospital Has Free Screening

Mercy Hospital is holding a free blood pressure screening on Tuesday, January 8th, from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m., in the Memorial House Auditorium.

A colo-rectal screening will be offered at Mercy Hospital on Tuesday, January 8th, from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m., in the Memorial House Auditorium.

The Patient Education Department of Mercy Hospital is offering a cholesterol screening program on Thursday, January 31st, from 8:00 to 10:00 a.m., in the Memorial House Auditorium. Fasting is necessary 10-12 hours prior to testing (water may be taken).

Results will be mailed to participants. The suggested donation is \$10, and registration is on a walk-in basis.

A blood glucose screening program is being held at Mercy Hospital on Friday, January 25th, from 8:00 to 10:00 a.m., in the Memorial House Auditorium. Prior to the test, participants should not take food and liquids (other than water) after midnight. A donation of \$2 is requested for the testing materials.

For more information, call the Patient Education Department at 781-9100, extension 5344, Monday through Friday, between 8:00 and 9:00 a.m.

Power Of Laughter On Tap In January

Dr. Steve Sobel, nationally acclaimed motivational speaker and humorist, will be offering a seminar open to the public. The seminar is titled "The Real Power Of Laughter, Humor and Daily Positive Attitude." AAN readers attend at the discount price of \$19 per person; for every three who attend, a fourth attends free! The seminar dates which you can choose from:

—Tuesday, January 22nd, at West Springfield Sheraton;

Friday, January 25th, at West Springfield Sheraton;

—Tuesday, January 29th, at West Springfield Sheraton.

All sessions run from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. You will need to definitely preregister as Dr. Sobel's sessions are enormously popular. Call 785-1259 to receive a program description and registration form.

If you want to feel better, gain the ability to "lighten up" whenever you need to, and also be able to communicate better with people, you will not want to miss hearing Dr. Sobel to start your New Year right!

Agawam Senior Center Has Free Screenings

Mercy Hospital's Mobile Hearing Center will provide free hearing screenings and hearing aid checks at the **Agawam Senior Center, January 7th and 28th, at 9:00 a.m.** Full diagnostic hearing tests, evaluations, fittings, sales, and service of hearing aids and assistive listening devices can also be scheduled, on a fee for service basis.

The hearing van's audiology equipment is operated by two nationally certified audiologists from the Speech, Hearing and Language Center at Mercy Hospital. Access to the free screenings and hearing aid checks is limited; please call 786-0400, extension 242, for a reservation.

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Let's Talk Travel

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The Saga Of The Harried Traveler Continues...

It took a while but I finally made it. No matter which way I go lately, it isn't easy. Flights are late, cancelled, or I'm bumped. The car malfunctions, etc.

You know how I advocate traveling light—I rarely check luggage. Well, my daughter, Darcy, brought me to the airport on December 19th wondering how I was going to get on my 6:25 p.m. American flight with two pieces of luggage, three boxes of Christmas presents (rather large boxes), and two carry-on bags. "No problem" as they say in Jamaica. I had a trick up my sleeve and planned to check three pieces of luggage curbside, take the ticket out of the jacket with the luggage stubs, check in at the counter, and check the rest of the luggage there. Sneaky, but it works—sometimes!

I gave the curbside agent my ticket. He immediately frowned and said, "I have bad news. You must go inside with your luggage and wait in line, there's a problem with your flight." No, not again!!

Darcy took one box back to mail UPS and I proceeded, laden down with baggage, to the ticket counter. I'll never try that trick again. After waiting in line for one hour, I was told my flight was cancelled due to mechanical problems.

Arrangements were made for me to depart at 6:45 a.m. on Delta and I was given a voucher for an overnight at the Marriott, a \$7 dinner coupon (can't get much for \$7 at a Marriott), and roundtrip shuttle service.

When I tried to make arrangements at the hotel for the early morning shuttle, I was advised the first shuttle left at 6:30 a.m.—too late to catch the flight. After 45 minutes on the phone with American and being persistent about leaving in the morning, they rebooked me on a 7:25 a.m. flight—first class.

I checked three bags curbside and had no problem with three carry-ons in first class. After a 45-minute delay on the runway because of fog, I was finally on my way. The connection was almost too easy. A go-cart was waiting at the gate to transport me to my departing gate and the flight was boarding when I arrived. I arrived five minutes early at Bradley to unseasonably warm weather and that's o.k. by me.

I'll gladly put up with the delays to know I'm flying safely—but I'm beginning to feel that I'm being put to the test!

JOTS FROM JULIE: Jeremy Lynch of Agawam recently spent a week in Orlando visiting Mickey Mouse with Aunt Lisa and Grandparents Glen & Brenda Trombley. Glen & Brenda continued on to Ft. Myers where we had a nice visit. It was good to be home to visit family and friends. The visit was short but very sweet (too many cookies!).

Memories are flowers that blossom no matter what the weather!

Happy New Year!

Space Still Available For Children's Courses

Space is still available in four January children's courses and one adult course at the Springfield Science Museum. Children's classes meet 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., January 5th, 12th, and 19th.

Rain Forest Review introduces four to six year-olds to the variety of plants and animals in the tropical rain forest. Children will make butterfly finger puppets and learn a song about the leaf-cutter ant's parade. (Fee \$24).

Children ages four to six will hear what snow sounds like, learn about the life cycle of a snowman, pretend to be snowflakes, and enjoy winter stories in **Sleety, Slushy, Frosty Fun**. (Fee \$24).

Youngsters can make their own fossil, stencil a dinosaur t-shirt, assemble a huge dinosaur skeleton and enjoy dinosaur songs and games in **Dinosaur Dig** for ages seven to nine. (Fee \$22).

Participants will build a model of a flowing river complete with dams, waterfalls, white water rapids and oxbows in **River Cutters** for ages nine to 12. (Fee \$20).

Introduction to 35mm Photography for adults meets from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. on January 10th, 17th, 24th, and 31st. Beginners who own a 35mm single lens reflex camera will learn the basics from award-winning photographer Budd Titlow. (Fee \$24).

Preregistration is required for all courses. Members of the Springfield Library and Museums receive a discount. For more information or to register, call the museum, 733-1194.

Our Feeding Hills Resident In China...

Like Most Of Chinese Life, Marriage Also Controlled

PUBLISHER'S NOTE: Feeding Hills resident Richard Femmel is teaching for a year at the Chinese Mercantile University in Shanghai. This article continues his series on his impressions and adventures in this ancient land.

The process to get married in China is typically Chinese.

First you have to get "registered." In China this is the legal equivalent of getting married. Registered equals married. Usually (after you get registered) you have a wedding celebration in a restaurant. This is usually a couple of months after you are registered. The Chinese government does not recognize weddings performed in the church as a legal marriage.

The Chinese people must have permission from their work unit. The work unit is the company that they work for. They have a lot of power over what you can and can't do. They provide you with your housing, control

your family population ("one child"), approve who and when you get married, and a lot of other things. You have to get their permission to do a lot of things.

Relationships are more open than ever before. It is very normal and common to see men and women holding hands in public. This is something that was not done 10 or 15 years ago. Students are allowed to have boyfriends and girlfriends but it is definitely discouraged. Students are not allowed to get married until they have graduated.

A common sight in any of the public parks in Shanghai or any other city in China is the young man and young woman sitting on the park bench with their arms locked around each other and kissing. Some parks even have signs in Chinese with a picture (showing two people kissing) telling people not to kiss in the park.

One of the most interesting things about marriage in China is that it does not guarantee that the husband

and wife will be allowed to live together in the same city. If a man from Shanghai marries a woman from Beijing, the man will be required to live in Shanghai and the woman in Beijing. This is especially true for Shanghai because Shanghai is the most popular place to live in China. Everyone wants to live there.

However, the city is so crowded that the government strictly controls who can and who can't live there. Getting married to a person from Shanghai does not guarantee you the permission to live in Shanghai.

Divorce is becoming more common in China. It is still unusual to meet many people who have been divorced. I know one 42 year-old woman who is divorced with two children. She works every day of the month in our school cafeteria to earn an extra monthly bonus while still raising two children. It is very difficult to get remarried after being divorced.

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- 1 pound beef stew cubes
- 1 clove garlic, finely chopped
- 1 (28-ounce) can whole tomatoes, undrained and broken up
- 1 cup chopped green bell pepper
- ½ cup sliced pimiento-stuffed green olives
- ½ cup raisins
- 2 teaspoons Wyler's® or Steero® Beef-Flavor Instant Bouillon or 2 Beef-Flavor Bouillon Cubes
- ¼ to ½ teaspoon cayenne pepper
- ¼ teaspoon curry powder
- 1/8 teaspoon each ground allspice and cloves
- Hot cornbread

In large skillet, brown meat and garlic. Add remaining ingredients except cornbread; bring to a boil. Reduce heat; cover and simmer 1 hour or until tender. Serve over cornbread. Refrigerate leftovers.



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- 1 head Iceberg Lettuce
- Oriental Dressing
- 2 tablespoons vegetable oil
- ¾ pound pork, cut into thin strips
- ¼ pound fresh snow pea pods
- ¾ cup sliced carrots
- 1½ cups broccoli florets
- 1 cup sliced onions
- ½ cup sliced water chestnuts
- 2 tablespoons grated orange peel, for garnish

Core, rinse and thoroughly drain lettuce. Cut into bite-sized chunks. Make Oriental Dressing; set aside. Heat oil in large pan or wok over high heat. Stir-fry pork until brown, about 1 minute. Add vegetables and dressing; stir-fry 1 to 2 minutes, until vegetables are tender-crisp. To serve, place lettuce chunks on large serving platter. Spoon stir-fry mixture over lettuce. Sprinkle with orange peel. Serve immediately. Makes 4 servings.

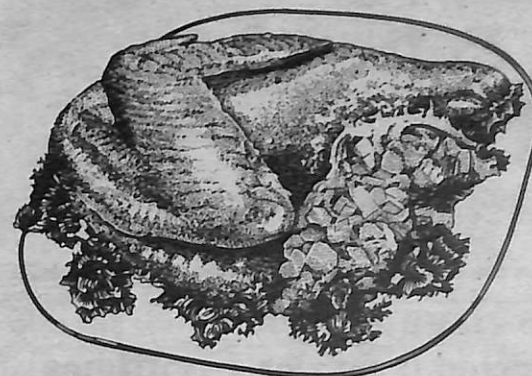
ORIENTAL DRESSING

- ¼ cup lite soy sauce
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- 1 tablespoon sugar
- ¼ teaspoon red pepper flakes, optional
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Glaze, plum jam, ginger and lemon peel, it gives the chicken a glorious, slightly sweet, fruity flavor. And, that's not all. The glaze helps seal in the natural juices during cooking and gives the chicken a rich and attractive color. Once you savor this delightful chicken, you'll see why the microwave isn't just for reheating leftovers anymore.



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- ½ cup Kikkoman Teriyaki Baste & Glaze
- 2 tablespoons plum jam
- 1 teaspoon minced fresh ginger root
- ½ teaspoon grated lemon peel
- 4 chicken breast halves, skinned*

Combine teriyaki baste & glaze, jam, ginger, and lemon; set aside. Place chicken breasts, thick part to outside, meaty side up, in microwave-safe baking dish; brush with teriyaki glaze mixture. Cover dish with plastic wrap and microwave on Medium-high (70 percent) 8 minutes. Discard plastic wrap; brush chicken breasts with remaining teriyaki glaze mixture. Microwave on Medium-high (70 percent) 7 to 9 minutes longer, or until juices run clear and meat near bone is no longer pink when slashed. Makes 4 servings. *For best results, select chicken breasts which are equal in size.

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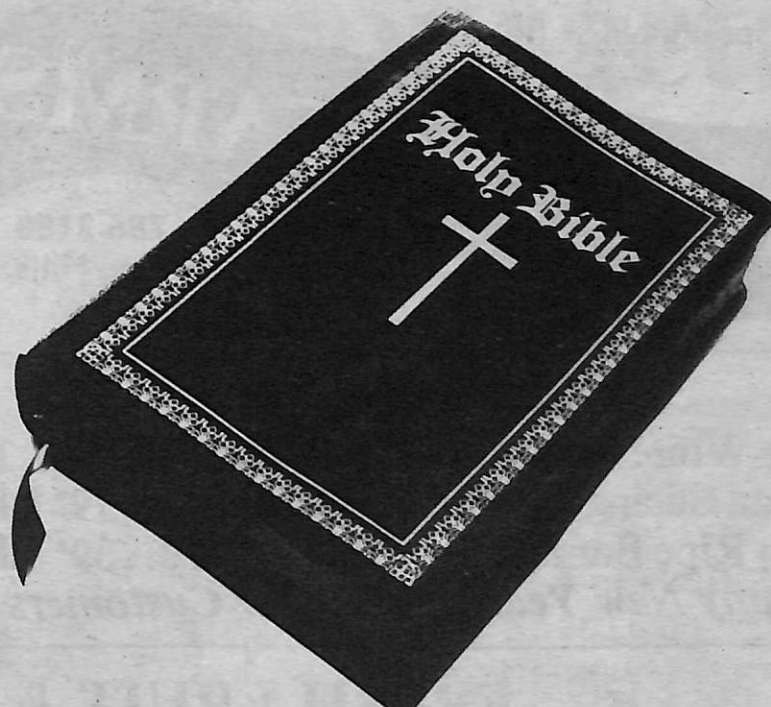
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Jane Barrientos Art
On Display At Library

The Agawam Public Library is pleased to announce an exhibit of the work of Jane Barrientos of West Springfield. Jane graduated from Agawam High School and Westfield State College. She is a member of the Springfield Library and Museums Association; West Springfield Friends of the Library; American Decorative Arts Teacher's Association; National Society of Tole and Decorative Painters; Yankee Heritage Tole Painters, and Capitolers from Albany, New York.

She has studied with many nationally known decorative artists. She now teaches oil painting, and has recently published a series of patterns for decorative painters.

For the past five years, Jane and her husband, Jonas, have lived in West Springfield. Jane offers classes in her studio at home.

The exhibit can be viewed during regular library hours, Monday through Thursday, 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.; Friday, 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.; Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The exhibit will run throughout the month of January.

Science Museum Has
Public Star-Gazing

The observatory at the Springfield Science Museum will be open for public sky-gazing on Friday, January 11th, at 8:00 p.m. Members of the Springfield Stars Club will operate the museum's 20-inch rooftop telescope and help visitors spot the night's most interesting celestial sights. There is a fee of \$1.50 for adults and \$1 for children.

The Science Museum is located on the Quadrangle at the corner of State and Chestnut Streets in downtown Springfield. For information, please call the museum, 733-1194.

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One thing you never see in China is an unmarried woman with a child. If an unmarried woman became pregnant she would have an abortion before anyone found out she was pregnant. It would be a disgrace to the woman and the family to have a child out of wedlock.

Abortions in China are considered very common and normal. The Chinese do not look at abortion as a moral or religious issue as many Americans do. Instead, they consider abortion to be a form of birth control. The Chinese are always surprised when I tell them how controversial abortion is in the United States.

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Christmas Has Gone

by Agnes R. Neylon Smith

*The star on the tree-top, dims its light,
Candles in windows, no longer shine bright,
Santa's reindeer are out of sight;
Christmas has gone.*

*No stockings hung by the chimney, with care,
No cookies and milk, by Santa's chair,
No Christmas carols in the air;
Christmas has gone.*

*The Christmas Angel has lost her glow,
The sparkle has gone from the falling snow,
The embers of Yuletide are burning low;
Christmas has gone.*

*No anxious children in beds tonight,
With Christmas magic, still in their sight,
They're sleeping soundly, tucked up tight,
Christmas has gone.*

*There's no more turkey, goose, or ham,
Cranberry jelly, or candied yam,
Pumpkin pie, or tarts of jam;
Christmas has gone.*

*Gone are the trees and wreaths of holly,
And the little old man, so round and jolly,
No more words, "By gosh, by golly";
Christmas has gone.*

*Where are toy soldiers, all in rows?
And pretty packages with Christmas bows?
And kisses under mistletoes?
Christmas has gone.*

*Everything's opened, no more guess,
Just a tousled wrappings' mess,
But, it was such fun, I must confess;
Christmas has gone.*

*I loved the frosted window panes,
Ribbon candy and Christmas canes,
And even though the spirit remains;
Christmas has gone.*

*The dolls are mussed, the books are torn,
The excitement has gone from Christmas morn,
And now you're tired, and justly worn;
Christmas has gone.*

*Gone is the eggnog, Tom-and-Jerry,
And scents of pine and holly berry,
Well, you had a Christmas, very merry;
Christmas has gone.*

*When the kids came in from snowball play,
And you had just put all the food away,
You said good-by to Christmas Day,
Christmas has gone.*

*The day has gone, the eve has come,
Your journey through Christmas is over and done,
There are no more chestnuts or pudding of plum;
Christmas has gone.*



*Take rest in your lonely, welcome bed,
Toss the sugar plums out of your head,
Forget the trains, the skates, the sled;
Christmas has gone.*

*Don't feel too sad, or out of cheer,
You'll have it all again, next year,
So sleep in peace, and have no fear;
Christmas has gone.*

*P.S. But, there's still a Babe in the manger hay,
Who, throughout eternity, will always stay
To make Christmas of each and every day,
Christmas has not really gone away.*

Springfield Symphony "Great Performers" Set For January 12th

Maestro Raymond Harvey and the Springfield Symphony Orchestra will offer a passionate program of Romantic period music for the next Great Performers Concert on Saturday, January 12th, at 8:00 p.m., in Symphony Hall. The program will feature star violinist Robert McDuffie playing Bruch's Violin Concerto No. 1, and the grand Symphony No. 7 by Bruckner. This concert, sponsored by *Springfield Newspapers*, will be preceded by a Words On Music lecture starting at 7:00 p.m. in the Mahogany Room.

The *New York Times* described Robert McDuffie as playing with "vibrant virtuosity and a warm, creamy tone." Coming off a sold-out 1989/90 season, Robert McDuffie has already given highly-acclaimed performances this year with the St. Louis, the New Jersey, the Grand Rapids and Houston Symphonies. Last year he toured with the Warsaw Sinfonia and Yehudi Menuhin through 20 cities, and he has appeared with the Czech Philharmonic, the Danish State Radio Orchestra, as well as the Chicago Symphony, Calgary Philharmonic, and many other major American orchestras. Growing in national stature, McDuffie has been featured on NBC's *Today Show*, CBS *Sunday Morning*, and has given two private recitals for the U.S. Supreme Court.

McDuffie will perform the Violin Concerto No. 1 by Max Bruch, a melodic and challenging audience favorite. Pleasing themes that range from passionate to caressing reveal deep emotion while the Hungarian-style "gypsy" finale demands brilliant technique. Also from the Romantic period, Bruckner's Symphony No. 7 is often considered his most accessible and beautiful work. Generally Bruckner's style pushed classical limits with large, powerful themes that are long sustained and abruptly discarded, Wagnerian-influenced spectacle, and homeric length. As a result, he was unpopular throughout most of his life in conservative Vienna. The Symphony No. 7, however, awarded Bruckner a 15-minute ovation after its debut performance in Leipzig in 1884, and still offers today a wide scope of melodic emotion, from pathos to boundless joy, sure to delight listeners of all kinds.

Tickets to the January 12th Great Performers concert range from \$5 to \$28 and are on sale through the Symphony Box Office at Baystate West in Springfield or can be charged by phone, (413) 733-2291. Group, senior and student discounts are available.

A "Words On Music" lecture will be offered just prior to the performance starting 7:00 p.m. in the Mahogany Room of Symphony Hall. It is free and open to all ticketholders, but reservations must be made to guarantee seats through the Symphony Box Office, (413) 733-2291.

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LYLE PEARSONS of Suffield and **MARGIE SECORA** of Southwick, owners and operators of **Kit and Kaboodle**, a children's theatre troupe, use Clark School students in one of their skits. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Clark School Visited By Local Actors

by Iris Copson
School Dept. Editor

Clark Elementary School's PTO sponsored a special holiday presentation on Tuesday, December 18th, by the magical theatre troupe of Kit and Kaboodle.

Lyle Pearsons of Suffield and Margie Secora of Southwick performed several special skits for the season. The first two songs involved the audience of students learning some hand actions to participate as Lyle and Margie sang "Must Be Santa" and "I'm Gettin' Nuttin' For Christmas."

The next act was a pantomime entitled "The Toymaker" (performed by both actors). The children were quiet as they watched the scene unfold. Margie left the stage after the pantomime was complete and Lyle said, "Since there isn't any snow around, I'd like to show you what my Frosty the Snowman looks like by using my drawing board. I learned how to draw from reading books at the library."

Lyle drew Frosty's face, giving him two eyes, a nose, mouth, and he inserted a cornucopia pipe. Lyle said, "I guess Frosty hasn't read the surgeon general's warnings!" Then he added the magical black hat to Frosty's head and suddenly, the eyes began to move!

At first there was a moment of hesitation before a

murmur of astonishment began to rise to a feverish excitement as the children distinctly noticed that Frosty had come to life. His eyes moved, his mouth moved, and finally, to prove to Lyle that Frosty was really "alive," he talked! The children were delighted!

In the final skit called "Wake Up Santa," Lyle and Margie included over 20 children from the audience. Some donned elf hats while others took on the part of North Pole animals. The elves talked to Rudolph who sent Dasher over to fetch Mr. Tic-Toc to try to fix Santa's broken alarm clock.

While Dasher was gone, Mr. Ruff-Ruff, Mrs. Meow-Meow, and Mr. Cock-a-doodle-doo tried their "calls" to awaken Santa (but to no avail). "Daniel the Skunk" tried to "stink up, ur, think up another idea to wake Santa," according to Margie. "Give it your best shot," she joked, but Santa slept on.

All of the children dressed as Santa's elves beat instruments supplied by the theatre troupe to try to get Santa to arise. Finally everyone sang *Jingle Bells*, "Santa's favorite song" and lo and behold, he awakened!

Everyone helped to finish the play with the carols of "Santa Claus Is Coming To Town" and "We Wish You A Merry Christmas."



LYLE PEARSONS of Suffield puts **Margie Secora** of Southwick under a magical spell during a performance at Clark School. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Maceo Jackson Earns Honors At Suffield Academy

Ten students were accorded High Honors status and 86 others were named to the 1990 Fall Term Academic Honor Roll at Suffield Academy, Suffield. Founded in 1833, Suffield Academy is a private preparatory school with an enrollment of 300 students from grades nine through 12.

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Robinson Park Students Perform In Xmas Program



ROBINSON PARK STUDENTS are about to perform their Christmas Program just before going home for the Christmas vacation last month. **RELATED PHOTO ON NEXT PAGE.** Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

AHS Band Parents Plan Bottle & Can Drive In Jan.

The Agawam Band Parents Association is having a Bottle and Can Drive, Saturday, January 5th, at Dave's Soda & Pet Food City, 11 Ramah Circle, Agawam, between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.

The Association is asking that redeemable bottles and cans be saved during the holiday season that is beginning for this fundraiser. Those not wishing to store their bottles and cans through this time period can call Karla Tyrell, 786-0155, or Mary White, 786-4701, after 5:00 p.m., and a pick-up will be arranged.

Due to the economic crunch, this fundraiser is most important to insure that the Agawam High School Jazz, Concert, & Marching Bands have funds to cover the expenses for the remainder of the school year.

The Association would like to thank all those who have helped in the past and who continue to support the Agawam Bands.

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Christmas Program At Robinson Park



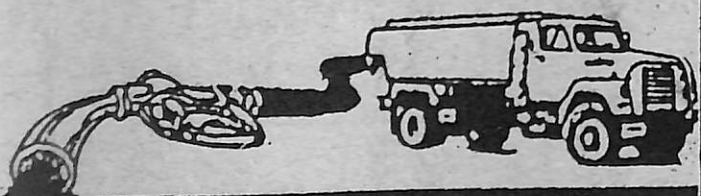
A GROUP OF THE YOUNGER STUDENTS at Robinson Park School perform their portion of last month's Christmas Program for delighted family members and friends. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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Quilt Designs At Robinson



FOUR ROBINSON PARK THIRD GRADERS had their quilt designs chosen to be quilted by Mrs. Kathi Pickett (back, left), a visiting fabric artist. The students in photo are Eric Morissett, Krista Page, Laura Reveruzzi, Lauralee Brundige, and Mrs. Marjorie Sherman, art teacher (back, right). The students are holding the quilt, which was given to the school by Mrs. Pickett. Advertiser

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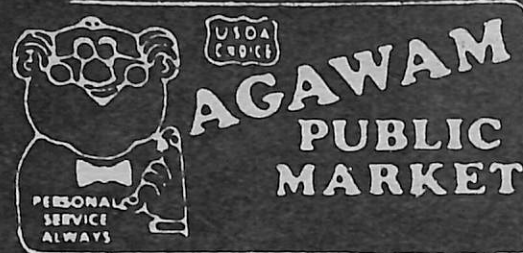
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Festive Showcase For Holiday Season Adorns Entrance Of Robinson

by Iris Copson
School Dept. Editor

Upon entering Robinson Park Elementary School, the front showcase decorated by Pat Burnette's and Andy Bower's fourth grade students is sure to catch the eye. A miniature village decorated in the typical New England style of yore for the holidays awaited your viewing pleasure.

Robinson Principal William Sapelli commented, "The lampposts are made from clay and the houses are all handmade, including the shingles. Mr. Bower and Mrs. Burnette made everything with the help of their students, except the train set that runs through the town. It really is fantastic."

To the right of the front entranceway, families and friends gathered in the cafetorium to enjoy the presentation by students and music teacher Margaret Bielin for a music review.

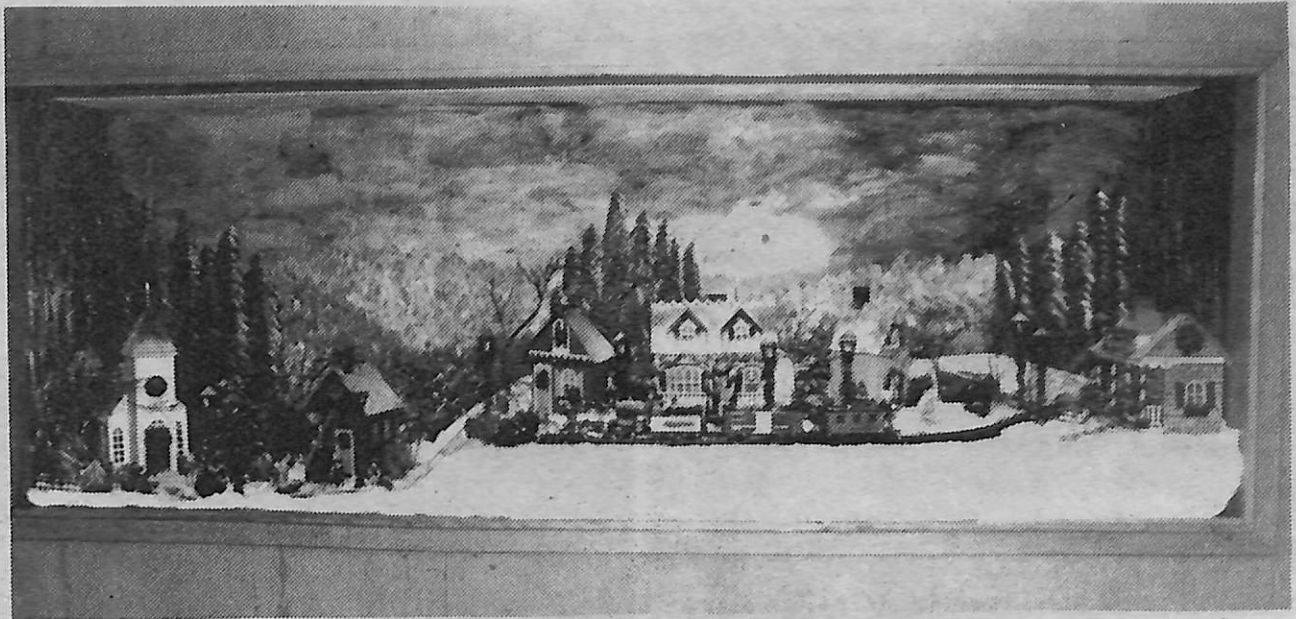
The fourth grade chorus, led by Ms. Bielin, sang "Holiday Greetings" to begin the production. Next the kindergarten students sang "The Cookie Baking Song," followed by second graders and the chorus to rejoice in a special version of "Snowmobile Jingle Bells."

The second graders then did "Hanukkah Candles" to include everyone in the holiday show. A short introduction of "The Mexican Mouse" preceded the third grade students' song. "There Is A Tree" and "The Littlest Angel" were then sung by grade one pupils.

Third grade singers chanted "Christmas Presents" and added a Latin flavor to the review when they sang "Up On The Housetop Cha-Cha-Cha" with the chorus.

Santa asked that everyone "show some respect for the old gent" with a short verse before the chorus sang "Jolly Old St. Nicholas" vs. "Hey Santa, Listen Up!"

The chorus ended the musical with a reprise of "Holiday Greetings."



THE SHOWCASE AT ROBINSON PARK School welcomed visitors during the holiday season. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

"Monte Carlo" Night To Be Held At Polish American Club

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On Saturday, February 2nd, the Agawam Band Parents Association will sponsor a "Monte Carlo" Night at the Polish American Club in Feeding Hills.

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THE EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAM at Robinson Park School enjoyed lovely Christmas stories read by Eileen Chapman of the Agawam Public Library. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Santa Claus Visits Bambi Nursery School



SANTA CLAUS (none other than Jimmy Konuchuck of Agawam) paid a visit to the students of Bambi Nursery School of Agawam before the big day last month. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

"Santa's Secret Workshop" At Perry Lane



STUDENTS AT THE PERRY LANE NURSERY enjoyed "Santa's Secret Workshop" on December 21st. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Bedtime Story Hour At Phelps School On January 9th

Wear your bunny slippers, grab your favorite blanket, and don't forget your teddy bear Wednesday, January 9th, at 6:30 p.m., as Phelps PTO presents "Bedtime Story Hour" with Agawam Librarian Jeanne Hofmann.

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ROBINSON PARK STUDENTS WORK on their Holiday Craft Projects - Shawnee Gonzalez, Danielle Veronesi, Heather Adams, and Kristin Chmielewski. Looking on are PTO members Eileen Hamre (left) and Donna Shibley. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Mrs. Santa Visits Perry Lane Nursery



PERRY LANE NURSEY SCHOOL youngsters were thrilled by the visit of Mrs. Santa Claus just before their Christmas break. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



ROBINSON PARK PTO MEMBERS Chris Demetrian (left) and Sue Corbin were busy wrapping gifts during the PTO's gift-wrapping fundraiser last month. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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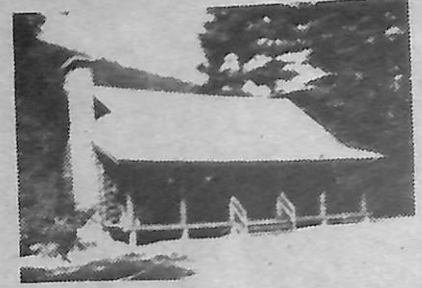
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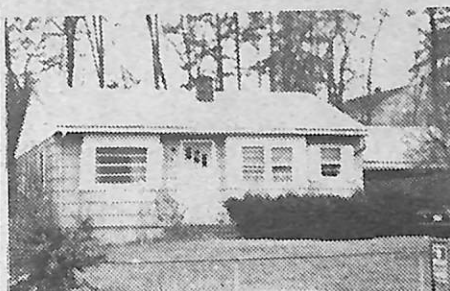
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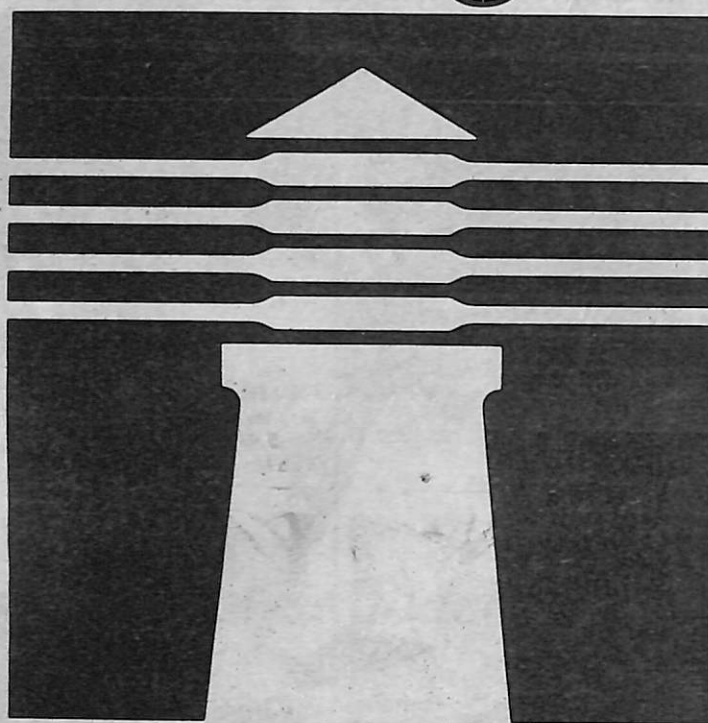
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Grandparents Day Again Proves Big Hit At Phelps School

by Iris Copson
School Dept. Editor

Third graders at Phelps Elementary School again this year celebrated Grandparents Day during the holiday season. Teacher, Jacqueline Hayes in Room 13, Elizabeth Robinson in Room 16, and Janet Wysocki in Room 20 set-up different activities with their students to welcome grandparents into their classes.

Mr. & Mrs. William Schmid from Enfield came to spend the afternoon with their grandson, **Michael Stafford**. Schmid said, "We think this is a great idea for grandparents. It makes us feel wanted. I'm 73 years-old now, and this makes me feel wanted."

In Room 13, three generations of ladies were represented as Bernadette Paquette of Springfield came to visit student **Ann Paquette** in her class. She is Ann's great-grandmother. Also Kathleen Paquette, Ann's grandmother, was on hand to help string popcorn and cranberries to decorate the Christmas tree.

Meredith & Elizabeth Wright visited their grandson, **Anthony Preston**, and said, "We have six grandchildren coming to this school alone."

A computerized sign outside Room 13 said, "Welcome Grandparents—We Love You" with a decorative border. There was another sign that read, "Happy Hanukkah and Happy Holidays."

Before everyone left, they held a drawing for a poinsettia.

In Room 16, Mrs. Robinson's class viewed a filmstrip along with their grandparents. Principal William Miller said, "The film is great. It sums up the whole day and what a teacher does with her children."

In Room 20 a video of projects done by students was shown while a "surprise cameo" of the guests as they arrived was being put on tape. Each of the students did an interview with their grandparents and all classes enjoyed refreshments.



SOME OF THE MANY HAPPY FACES on Grandparents Day at Phelps School. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



GRANDPARENTS WHO ATTENDED A SPECIAL DAY in their honor at Phelps School last month review some of the work by their grandsons and daughters in Room 16, Elizabeth Robinson, teacher. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



GRANDPARENTS and their grandchildren get together at Phelps School for the Annual Grandparents Day celebration last month. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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"A Teddy Bear Xmas" Presented At Clark

by Iris Copson
School Dept. Editor

Clark Elementary School music teacher Sylvia Starkie presented "A Teddy Bear Christmas" with the entire student body for grandparents, parents, and other relatives and friends to enjoy during the holiday season this year. Each year Mrs. Starkie and all Clark students perform prior to the Christmas recess.

Mrs. Starkie told parents that this year the Clark PTO would have a video of the entire production available for rental after the holidays to anyone interested in borrowing the tape.

First in the line of performers were the kindergarten children with stuffed teddy bears in their arms as they came up on stage to recite from memory two poems by Kathleen Hague and cuddle their bears. The titled poems were "Teddy Bears" and "Bedtime."

Debra Hill, dressed as Mother Bear, performed a solo entitled "I Miss My Teddy" from grade four and other students dressed in costumes with speaking parts were: Matthew Slattery (Father Bear), Anne Carroll (Grandmother Bear), Robert Liard (Grandfather Bear), Gregory Jubinville (Santa Claus), and Chris Robble (Theodore Bear).

Also, Danielle DeForge, Sean Michel, Rebecca Avery, Brian Machos, Jackie Bourdeau, Angela Gontczaruk, and Guinevere Gourea were consecutively Bear Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7. Each of these students had speaking parts during the production, too.

During the play, each class from grade one through fourth sang songs that fit appropriately into the musical production's story. First graders sang "A Honey Of A Holiday" followed by fourth graders singing "Dear Santa."

The second grade pupils sang "Christmas Joy Is Ours To Share" and the third grade sang the final song entitled "Celebrate The Season."

Shelly Morris Awarded Second Varsity Letter At Northeastern

Shelly Morris, a native of Feeding Hills, was recently awarded her second varsity letter as a member of the Northeastern University field hockey team.

The announcement was made by third year head coach Cheryl Murtagh.

Coach Murtagh states, "Shelly has a tremendous knowledge of the game, and she helped us score important goals."

Morris, a sophomore midfielder, was an integral part of the Huskies offense this fall. Although, the defense deserves some credit too. The Northeastern defense posted 12 shutouts, and registered a 15-6-3 mark on the season. They used their defense as a springboard to their consecutive appearance at the NCAA Tournament, and their third straight Final Eight appearance.

But at the Elite Eight, the Huskies lost to perennial powerhouse North Carolina by a 3-1 count. It was the second straight year that the Red and Black were eliminated from the tournament by the Tar Heels.

"This year, we cemented our reputation as one of the top field hockey programs in the nation," said Murtagh. "Next season, we're looking to go all the way."

Shelly is a 1989 graduate of Agawam High School, where she lettered in softball for four years and field hockey for three. She received All-League selection for three years in field hockey and All-Western Mass. in both softball and field hockey her senior year. Shelly is a Recreational Management major and will graduate in 1994.



CAST MEMBERS WHO PERFORMED ROLES IN "A Teddy Bear Christmas" at James Clark School, under the direction of music teacher Sylvia Starkie. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Westfield YMCA Accepting Nursery School Applications

Westfield: The YMCA Nursery School will be accepting registrations for the current school year for children age four and five years. Openings became available Wednesday, January 2nd, for the Monday, Wednesday, and Friday morning and afternoon programs which include fine and gross motor activities, swimming instruction, field trips, music, and snack.

For more information, please call the YMCA, 568-8631.

St. Martha's Players To Stage Cinderella

Enfield: St. Martha Players of Enfield announce auditions for the spring production of "Cinderella." Auditioners are asked to be prepared to sing a song of their choice and to bring their own music.

Auditions will take place at St. Martha's Church Hall on Brainard Road in Enfield on Sunday, January 6th, from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m., and Monday, January 7th, from 7:00 to 10:00 p.m. Parts are available for males and females.

The play will be directed by Nick Platanitis and the musical director is Steven D. Cirillo. For more information, call Mooneyan Field, 413-592-2420, or Claire, 203-749-2623.

Tentative show dates are April 5th, 6th, 12th, 13th, 19th, and 20th.

Suffield Academy Has Admissions Reception

Suffield: Suffield Academy will be holding an Admissions Reception on campus in the Jeanice Seaverns Performing Arts Center on Tuesday, January 8th, from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. Suffield Trustee Cornelius P. O'Leary '62, Connecticut State Senator, will co-host the evening with Acting Headmaster Mason W. Nye.

The program will include a performance by the Suffield Jazz Band and a keynote address by Con O'Leary. Potential students and families will have an opportunity to meet and talk to members of the faculty, student body and administration. Representatives from the College Counseling Office and Parents' Association will be there to answer any questions.

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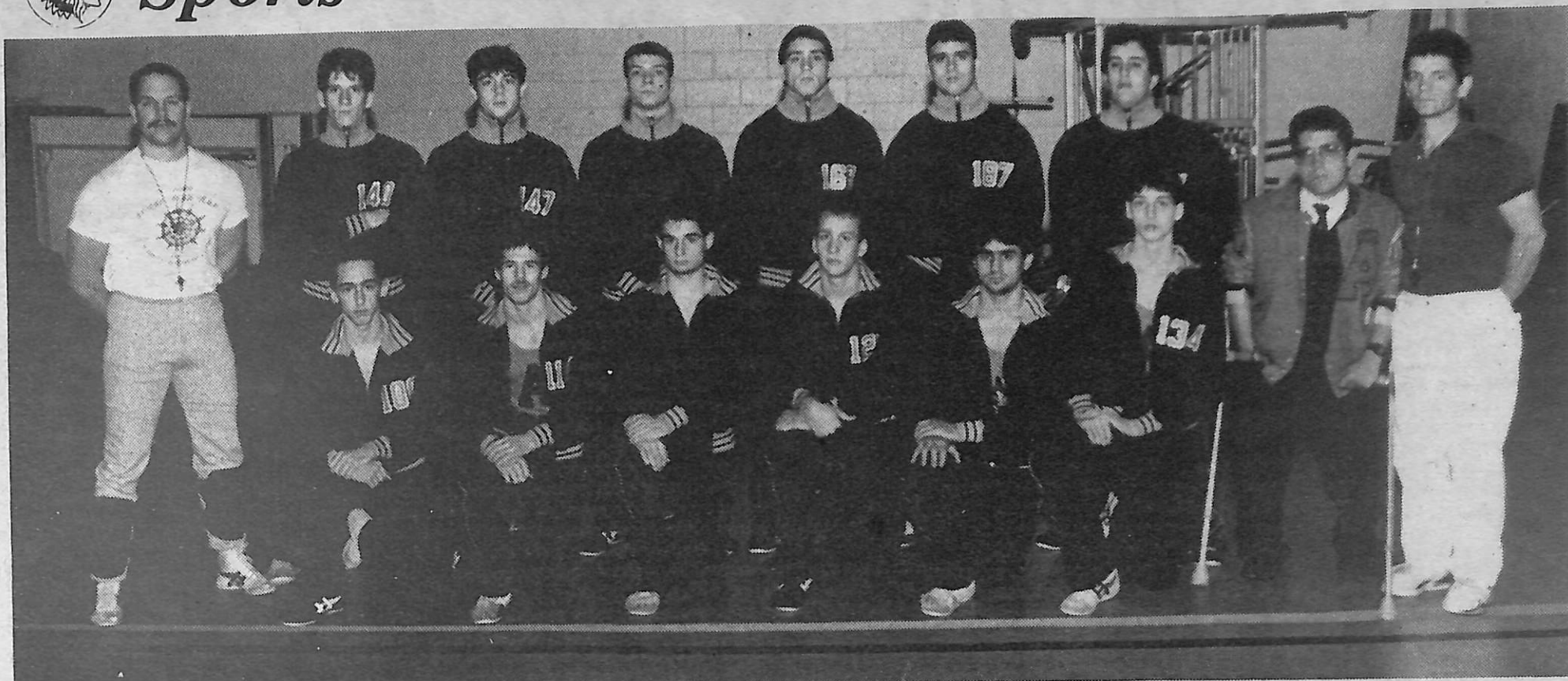
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Sports



VARSITY WRESTLING COACHES Phil Tomkiel (head-right) and Gary Geiger (assistant-left) and members of the 1990-91 Agawam High varsity wrestling team, the perennial Western Mass. Division I champs who are heavily favored to repeat again this year. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Annual Xmas Tourney Piece Of Cake For AHS Wrestling; Easily Run Away From Field

by Bob Johnson
Advertiser News Sports Editor

The big yellow buses rode slowly out of the Agawam High parking lot late in the evening. More than one or two kids snuck another look at that horrible place that they had spent their entire day. None of them had any answers.

The Agawam High School wrestling team dumped big lumps of coal in all seven stockings and dominated the Annual Christmas Tournament in front of an enthusiastic crowd at AHS last Thursday.

Agawam led the eight-team field with 185 points. Fifty-three points down the ladder was Longmeadow in second place, and Quabbin Regional placed third at 122.

Even though coach Gary Geiger was nervous until the meet was absolutely "locked," there wasn't that much suspense on the day. There were a couple of worries at times. For instance, only five matches into the day, head coach Phil Tomkiel lost his voice. And a guy from Quabbin lost his keys. That was the only suspense I witnessed.

Why did Tomkiel lose his voice? Maybe it was the early returns in the tournament. The Brownies lost four of their first six matches on the day. Of the first six wrestlers, only Dana Almquist (pin 1:41) and Mike Cooper (pin 3:43) advanced to the semi-finals. It wasn't long after this revolting development that the usually talkative coach was verbally sidelined.

From that point forward, Agawam went bananas on the mat and on the scoreboard. It all began with a little bit of blood on Stu McGregor's nose. The 140-pound Agawam grappler was in against Giovanni Rodriguez of Westfield. Rodriguez was a most excitable sort and in the early going, McGregor got cut across the bridge of the nose. The match was stopped and Stu got some medical aid.

The match continued and for the balance of the day, it was Agawam who put the hurt on opponents. McGregor rebounded to pin Rodriguez at 5:30, and he set off a chain reaction that must have reverberated on Neptune and places beyond.

Including McGregor's pin, Agawam ran off nine "sticks" in a row and began to run away from the field. It might have been more, but Nick Langone (171) and Mike DaSilva (189) both drew byes and weren't given any opportunity to join in the fun.

Thus, Agawam enjoyed the Great Pin Cushion early. Those who participated were: McGregor, defending New England champion Frank DeMarinis (145), Dave McKay (152), Chad Saliba (160), George Ghareeb (HVWT), Joe Loudfoot (103), Nate Wood (125), Mike Bryant (135), and Dana Almquist (112).

Each of Agawam's 13 wrestlers earned at least one pin on the day. Agawam wrestled 40 matches on the day and won 28 times. They were awarded two byes. They recorded 22 pins.

Seven of the Agawam kids scored multiple pins. DeMarinis had three and so did Mike Cooper (130 pounds), Nick Langone and Mike DaSilva each recorded two pins (in just two opportunities due to their first-

round byes). Almquist, Saliba, and McKay also ripped off two pins each. So instead of asking an Agawam wrestler if he won, you had to ask, "What was the time of your pin?" Far more fashionable...

After one round of competition, Agawam had advanced nine wrestlers to the semi-finals. Only Putnam Vocational did better, as they had 11 going to the top bracket.

Four Agawam kids went to the consolation bracket and all four got pins in their first match. All 13 kids were alive after two rounds!

All that success and, still, the main topic of conversation on the day was the heartbreaking loss suffered by Mike Cooper at 130 pounds in the semi-finals. Coop was in there against a dandy, no question—Juan Hernandez of Putnam is a dangerous and capable foe.

As a matter of fact, Hernandez dropped Cooper on his back early and piled up a 5-0 lead. Cooper rebounded to take a 6-5 lead after two periods of action. The third period was wild. Hernandez got a reversal to take a one-point lead, and Coop escaped to tie it. Coop got a takedown to take the lead and then he had Hernandez in "double bars" as the match wound to its conclusion. As the match ended, Hernandez was "awarded" a reversal that tied the match at 9-9. Coop was dominated in OT, lost the match, and had to go to the bottom bracket. He recorded two pins there and grabbed third place on the way back. He had a brilliant day, and the questionable reversal definitely cost him a chance at wearing the big crown.

Agawam had another third-place winner in Chad Saliba at 160. Saliba lost in the semi-finals to ultimate champion Isaac Flores of Ludlow by a wide margin, but rebounded to pin a Cathedral wrestler and record a major decision over a Putnam kid (13-0) for his third-place trophy.

As daytime turned to nighttime, it turned into primetime. When the semi-finalists were announced, six Agawam wrestlers were involved. Dana Almquist, Stuart McGregor, Frank DeMarinis, Nick Langone, Mike DaSilva, and George Ghareeb all had a chance to win the big trophy. And all six of them did!

Almquist fell behind a Putnam wrestler 4-0 before coming back and whacking him 19-8. Dana had the kid on his back four times and couldn't finish the pin. Still, Almquist has gotten out of the gate very fast this season and remains undefeated.

McGregor became champion on a tremendous amount of courage and determination. The 140 pounder had to come out of an 8-2 hole against Brian Ferry of Cathedral, and he came out of the hole in a hurry. McGregor earned a third period escape, takedown and six backpoints to win the match going away, 12-8. It was without question the most exciting match of the finals. It was later learned that McGregor had at least one vote for Most Outstanding Wrestler of the Tournament.

DeMarinis only had to work nine minutes and twenty-two seconds to prolong his mystique at 145 pounds. Those nine minutes plus equal the time that it took Frankie to grind up fellows from Quabbin, East Longmeadow, and Longmeadow and pin them all. The Longmeadow wrestler was the last and the toughest as Frank finally put him to sleep at 4:54, but he was also enjoying a 10-0 lead at the time.

The crowd got cheated a little bit that day. They got cheated out of one chance to see the Nick Langone Show. The Sophomore Sensation at 171 drew a first round bye and all that did actually was cost Agawam a couple of Pin Points.

Nicky came out in the Semis and destroyed Cathedral's Angel Alban in 2:39. Langone came back out in PrimeTime and showed Jody Moffatt of Ludlow how to say Sayonara with another pin in 1:45.

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THIS YEAR'S Agawam High varsity wrestling captains include Dana Almquist and Frank DeMarinis, two of the top grapplers not only in Western Mass. but in the entire state. The two captains are pictured with head coach Phil Tomkiel (left) and assistant coach Gary Geiger (right). Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

AHS Matmen Crush EL, 74-2

by Bob Johnson
Advertiser News Sports Editor

It was like watching Roger Clemens trying to protect a perfect game with a ten-run lead. His fastball was popping, his control impeccable, his defense superb. Yet, he lost his perfect game and his shutout when a right-handed hitter clanked one off Pesky's pole in right field.

The Agawam High wrestling team crushed the Spartans of East Longmeadow, 74-2, in a laughter at East Longmeadow High School. The Brownies and Spartans had recently competed in the Agawam Christmas Tournament. Agawam had won the tournament with 185 points; the Spartans escaped with just 15 total points. That proved to be an accurate barometer.

The Brownie domination began at the junior varsity level. The Agawam kids won each of the six exhibition matches. Mike Poggi, Mark Radtke, Matt Papadakis, and Sam Peters earned pins; Ryan Hines motored to a technical fall; and Pete Cecchi scored a 5-4 decision to warm up the crowd for the Brownies.

What followed will definitely make the highlight reel for most of the Agawam grapplers. The linescore read like this: nine pins, three forfeits, and a hard-fought draw. Taking it one step further, seven of those pins occurred in the first period! It was pretty awesome at times.

Joe Loudfoot began the rout with an aggressive bout at 103 pounds. He laced Chris Adams in 1:29. The six points earned for the pin would prove to be enough to win the entire meet. Still, there were 12 matches to go.

Let's say, there should have been 12 to go. Agawam did receive the aforementioned forfeits, and Dana Almquist received one of them at 112 to boost the lead to 12-0.

Shawn Rising upped the lead to 18-0 with his most aggressive and entertaining outing of the young season. Shawn "locked" Steve Bartolucci up early and had him in trouble throughout. Rising stuck him at 1:48.

Nate Wood had a most competitive match at 125 pounds with Spartan Tim Gahm. The match seasawed back and forth during the first period, but Wood took charge midway in the second, earning the pin at 3:31.

At 130 pounds, Mike Cooper appeared to have been shot out of a cannon for the Brownies. The Agawam bench seemed to sense that they had a shot to score the perfect 78-0 match victory. Cooper smashed Rich

Obernesser in 55 seconds to build the lead to 30-0.

You had to wonder if they could keep the string alive at 135 pounds because Vincent Petrangelo was making his first varsity appearance. You didn't have to wonder for long. Petrangelo didn't get stage fright. What he got was a quick takedown and early control of the match. He pinned Chris Donahue in 1:48.

It looked like the pinning streak was over as Mike Bryant took on a determined Pete Hammerstrom at 140 pounds. Bryant did everything right but couldn't seem to hold the kid flat on his back. He piled up a big lead, and to the sheer delight of the Agawam bench and crowd, finally got him at 5:39.

Reigning New England champion Frank DeMarinis kept the rout intact with an awesome performance at 145. It took him all of 28 seconds to subdue Mark Shuckbrook. I guess they can now call him Mark "Stuckbrook." The lead had ballooned to an incredible 48-0!

As each Agawam kid took the mat, the pressure mounted. Everybody knew what was going on. Add the

fact that the East Longmeadow kids were trying to avoid the shutout in their first home meet. Pressure met pressure at 152 and it all came to a head.

Dave McKay stomped out there for the Brownies and the Spartans' best wrestler, Matt Bean, took the mat for East Longmeadow. It was a doozy. The lead flipflop-ped back and forth. At one point, McKay had him in a pinning combination, but the two wrestlers were out of the circle and they had to start again. Bean was riding McKay with the score tied at 8-8 at match's end. The home crowd was thrilled to avoid the shutout. Each team was awarded two points for the tie. It was 50-2.

Chad Saliba crunched Jamie Erickson at 138 in the 160-pound bracket, and Mike DaSilva hammered Bronson Vlahodis at 171 to give Agawam a working margin of 60-2. Nick Langone and George Ghareeb had an easy night's work accepting the arm raises at 189 and heavyweight, respectively, for forfeits.

Looking for something to do this weekend? The Agawam wrestling team is on the road at Southwick High School at 1:00 p.m.

CHRISTMAS TOURNAMENT - from Page 36...

As impressive as Almquist, DeMarinis and Langone can be, it just might have been Mike DaSilva who stole the Christmas Tournament show! This guy has more combinations than a safecracker. The first-year performer has been nothing short of brilliant.

Some nifty work by the Agawam coaching staff turned DaSilva's 1-1 season record (with no previous history) into a first seed at the Christmas Tourney. And Mike DaSilva made them look like prophets. Early in the season, DaSilva pinned a Ludlow wrestler. That Ludlow kid went and won the Longmeadow tournament the following weekend. By virtue of head-to-head competition, DaSilva had beaten the best and deserved the top nod. Officials at the tournament agreed. Then DaSilva went out and showed them all why they had made a good decision.

He, like Langone, drew the early bye. His semi-final performance was beautiful. He threw McIntyre of Cathedral all over the mat and finally (and mercifully) pinned him at 5:13. He was enjoying a 12-0 shellacking at the time of the kill. In the finals, DaSilva got a Longmeadow kid for competition, but he was all done in 3:12. The youngster had earned his crown with a most impressive and imaginative performance.

And then there's George Ghareeb, the Agawam heavyweight. He became Agawam's sixth champion when he executed a pretty "snapdown" maneuver against arch-rival Rob Rivera of Westfield to win the finals 8-1 and send everyone home laughing and backslapping.

Big George had a quick early pin (:38) against a Ludlow fellow in Round One, but he met his match in the semi-finals. George had to slug out a nine-minute, 9-9 fight with Bob Dupuis of Putnam before Ghareeb was awarded the match on referee's criteria. Ghareeb was rewarded for being the aggressor in the match as he led the takedown category 3-0.

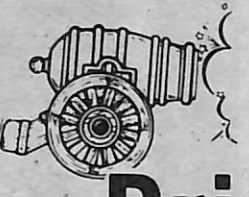
A 53-point win in an eight-team tournament can be likened to winning a horse race when you are the only horse in the home stretch. It was truly an awesome display of Agawam's wrestling power.

Incidentally, Tomkiel found his voice, the guy from Quabbin never found his keys, and seven schools were probably sorry that they ever found Agawam High School last Thursday.

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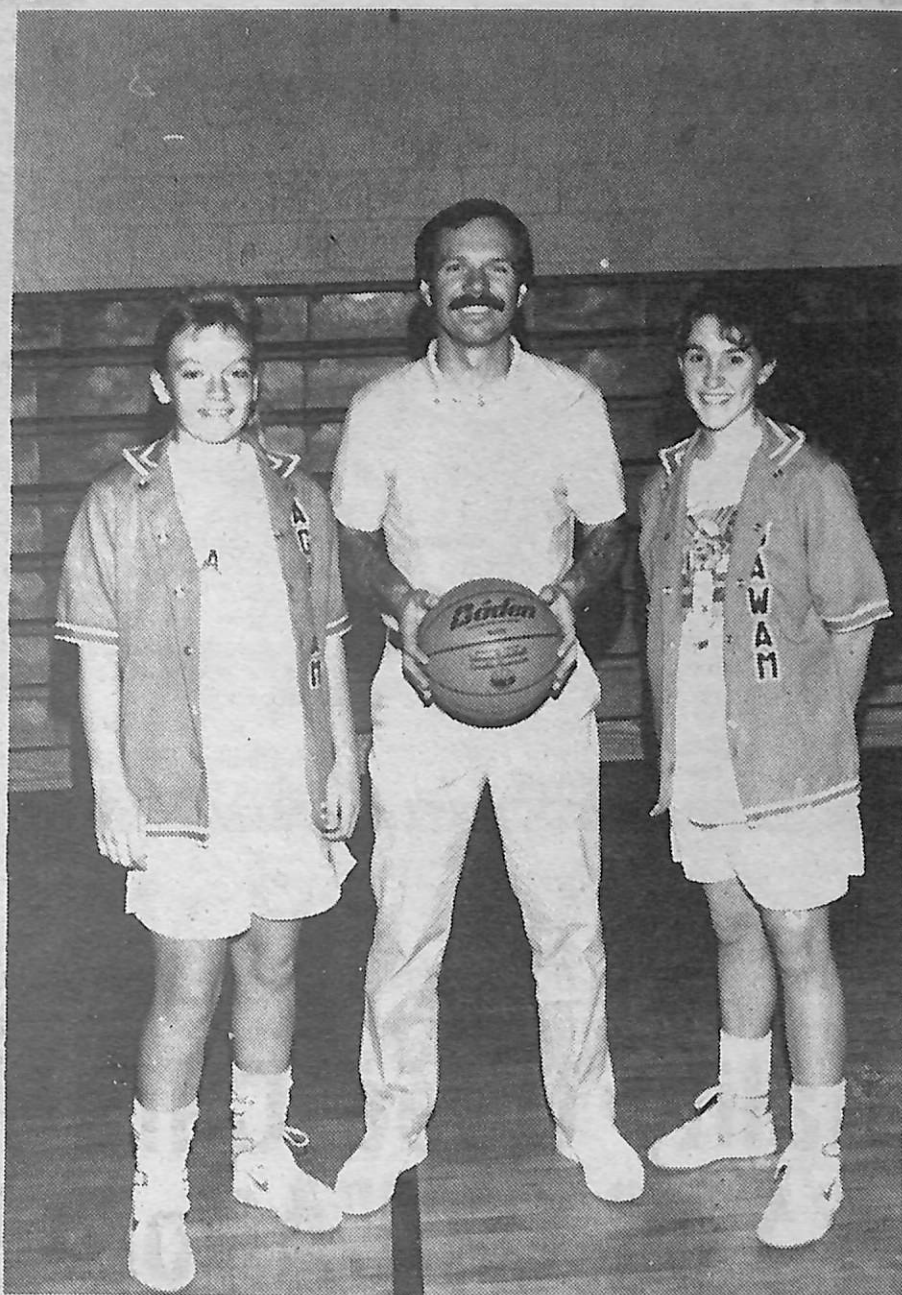
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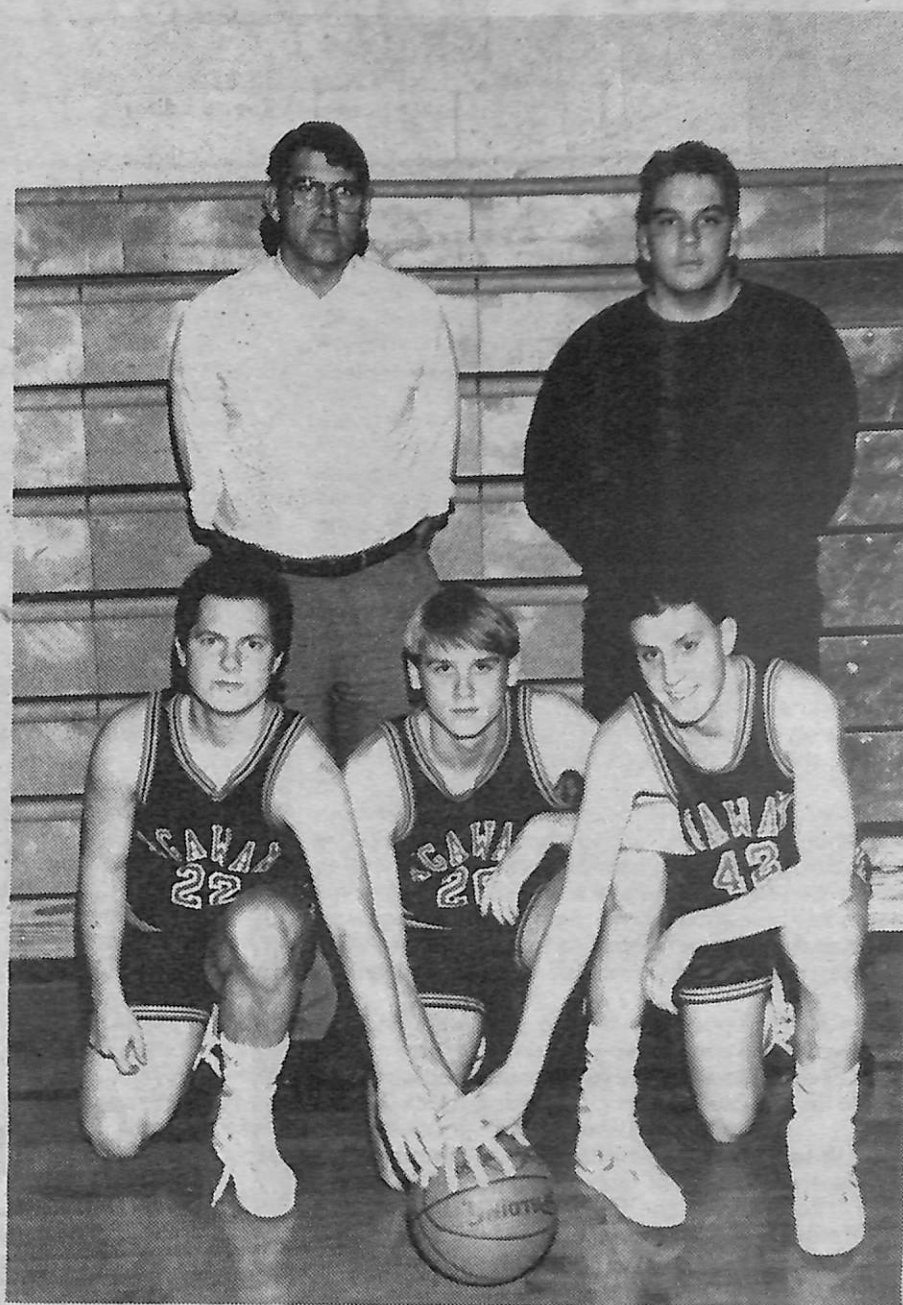
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LEADING THE 1990-91 Agawam High girls' junior varsity basketball team on the hardwood this winter are captains Debbie Conklin (left) and Beth McNamee. The girls are pictured with their coach, Paul Bachini. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

AHS JV Boys' Captains



THIS YEAR'S captains for the Agawam High varsity boys' hoop team are, kneeling, from left - Todd Hyland, Brett Boskiewicz, and Mike Pellegrino. Coach Mike Martin (standing, left) is assisted again this year by Dean Vecchiarelli, the junior varsity mentor. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Brownie Girls Raise Record To 3-1 On Hardwood

by Bob Johnson
Advertiser News Sports Editor

The Agawam High girls' basketball team raised its record to 3-1 on the strength of a 43-35 road victory at Chicopee High last Friday afternoon. That was the second consecutive eight point victory over the Pacers for the defending Western Mass. Division I champs.

Watching the Pacers go through their paces at Henry B. Fay Gymnasium prior to the start of the contest made people lean forward in their seats. They appeared a well-schooled, disciplined team with a nice touch from outside.

The crisp warm-up carried over into the ballgame. Chicopee roared to a 10-2 lead behind good work from their backcourt and accurate foul shooting. Kelly O'Connell opened the ballgame with two free throws and a one-hander in the lane.

Senior Joy Clark answered with one hoop for AHS before Melissa Castonguay converted a pretty feed and Eileen Monaghan scored four quickies with two foul shots and a breakaway lay-in.

The home team had gotten their smallish afternoon crowd into the contest early. A coaches dream! Yet, AHS shook off its early lethargy and hammered out an 11-0 run of its own to gain control two thirds of the way through the first half.

Trish Phelps, playing a very heady game, changed hands in the paint and popped home two points to begin the streak and then Agawam began to involve sophomore center Kim Trudel in the offense. Kimmer went on to bang home 20 in the contest.

Trudel grabbed an offensive rebound and laid it in for her first two and then she was the recipient of an excellent hustling Lisa Suffriti play for two more on a break out. Christine Stone tied the ballgame with a stickback and it was knotted at 10-10. Phelps made one free throw to give Agawam its first lead and Trudel made a couple more to raise the lead to 13-10.

Lisa Walsh of Chicopee drained a little right wing jump shot to tighten it up but the Brownies roared out to a 20-14 lead with Clark and Trudel showing the way.

The Pacers had gotten it down to two by halftime when Walsh rebounded a missed shot and popped it back into the hoop as the buzzer sounded. They went to the lockerroom with Agawam on top, 20-18.

AHS coach Lou Conte rallied the troops at halftime and he sat calmly as the Brownies came out smoking in the second half. They began the stanza with a 15-3 scorching and never looked back.

Clark soared off a Trudel steal and Maura Martin cashed one of two free throws. Trudel dashed across the paint for two more and Suffriti got on the scoreboard as she completed a play that began with an outstanding inside feed from Phelps. That ballooned the lead to 27-18.

Monaghan hit a jumper out top at the 13:00 mark for the Pacers' first deuce of the half. But AHS answered immediately with a pair of Trudel charity tosses and Stone's conversion of a Clark lob. O'Connell got the home team one point from the line before AHS moved the lead to 14 on a Suffriti pop in the paint, and Trudel's third chance opportunity on the offensive glass. It was 35-21.

Chicopee's last gasp came from the referee's whistle. At 7:07, Joy Clark received her fourth personal foul. The loss of this senior's leadership might have hurt the

young Brownie team. Chicopee might have sensed the situation and immediately got two straight hoops to cut the lead to 10. O'Connell (10 points) dropped a baseline bomb and Walsh made two free throws.

AHS kept the lead at 10 or 12 for the remainder of the contest until the Pacers hit two arching set shots inside the game's final minute. Catherine Szetela hit a two pointer with her foot on the three point circle and Monaghan tickled the twine from three point land at the horn. The final score was 43-35.

The Pacers fell to 0-3 in a season where they had high hopes. Their first five games are murderous, but they expect to have things going nicely by the time their league begins play.

AHS is right on schedule at 3-1 as it bones up for a most entertaining season.

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Hurricanes Drops AHS Cagers, 71-59

by Bob Johnson
Advertiser News Sports Editor

The Hurricanes of Amherst High School used an 18-4 run in 3:21 of the second half to overcome an outstanding first half by Agawam High to post a resounding 71-59 road victory last week.

The loss dropped the Brownies to 1-4 on the season. They next host Putnam on Friday night, January 4th.

Matt Garvey and Carlos Figueroa combined for 43 points to fuel the Hurricanes. Brendan Gallagher, Mike Briggs, and Joe Gaylor all contributed a dozen apiece to lead Agawam's attack.

As AHS alumni and friends were reuniting over the Christmas break, the Brownies gave the crowd thrill after thrill in the early going. After watching Amherst score the game's first basket, AHS went on a 15-2 run and had the crowd jumping out of their seats time after time.

It wasn't as if AHS was doing a circus act, either. The locals were playing defense and converting gorgeous entry passes into easy layups. Brett Boskiewicz opened things up for the inside game by dropping a corner jumper to tie the game at 2-2. Boskiewicz fed Gallagher inside for two before Garvey connected on his first jumper of the game. For the next 11 points, only the AHS scoreboard moved.

Pivotman Gallagher had two hoops. Boskiewicz and Briggs had one each and Todd Hyland added the exclamation point with a right wing three point shot. It was 15-4, Agawam.

Meanwhile, Garvey seemed to be taking his team out of the ballgame as he repeatedly wound up and fired from everywhere on the court. Often, he was behind the three point line by four or five feet. But he went bombs away anyhow.

Amherst began climbing the offensive glass and coming to life. But when Briggs cruised in the paint for two, AHS still led it, 19-8.

Garvey showed how important those three pointers can be as he sliced it to 19-11 with a bomb from out

top and Figueroa scored two hoops in the open floor. The once big lead was down to four, 19-15.

Hyland scored two nice hoops moving without the ball and Briggs grabbed a hustle rebound and converted it to put the Brownies back up by eight, 27-19. After the clubs traded hoops, Amherst went on a blitzkrieg with four unanswered buckets to create a 29-29 tie.

With only 25 ticks to play, Ken Blake emerged from a scramble to throw in a 12 footer that would give AHS the lead. But Garvey scored points number 12, 13, and 14 on a very long trifecta. The visitors had the lead with just five seconds before intermission. Gallagher worked hard and scored at the buzzer to allow AHS to leave the floor with a 33-22 lead at halftime.

A lot of good things had happened for the Brownies in the first half, yet the lead was only one and it appeared that Amherst left the floor with Old Mo.

Coach Mike Martin brought his boys out for the second half and he got some fine hustling play (early). Briggs missed a jumper but followed his shot for a bucket. Gallagher connected on a little jumper and AHS was up, 37-22.

Garvey the Gunner snuck away for a bunny and then he took over the game. The Kid Who Couldn't Shoot Straight (despite his 14 first half points) became the Second Coming of Bob Cousy in the second half.

Garvey set up teammates Figueroa, Anthony Frye, and Doyin Richards with no-look passes, wrap-around passes, and good fundamental passes, too. He was All-Everything in the clutch.

The Hurricanes went from five down to 11 up as Garvey completed the assault with a three pointer from the left side. The closest AHS would come the rest of the way was seven points on several occasions.

Play got ragged down the stretch and the Brownies had to swallow their second non-league loss of the season to Amherst.

Our Xmas Vacation Threw A Wrench Into Poor Bob's Schedule

by Bob Johnson
Advertiser News Sports Editor

It's almost like forced retirement. This newspaper takes a week off at Christmas time every year. The people who run the paper send you one in the mail every week all year long—except during Xmas week.

Makes sense. Businesses slow down during the Christmas week. People relax and enjoy the Holidays and, in general, nobody really accomplishes much during that time.

So, the whole process creates a void in my life. I am a rare individual that actually likes what I do for work. I go to ballgames and get paid to do it. If I won the lottery and didn't have to work, I would still go to ballgames everyday.

I build relationships with the coaches and with the athletes. I enjoy watching them compete. Just because I am on vacation doesn't mean that I can't go and watch them.

Then, I am reminded of my early days of journalism. I used to sit in the press box at Boston Garden years ago. It was there that I learned that you cannot "root in the press box." What an asinine rule! Understanding professional courtesy and all that jazz, it is still a weird bird that joins the ranks of sportswriters and sportscasters and doesn't love sports. What would be the point?

Sports are to be enjoyed. Thoroughly enjoyed. I try and guard against the inevitable situation that is bound to present itself. My writing will turn out to be a gruesome, grind-it-out type of job.

So, on vacation, I decided not to go to the games for a couple of days. I figured that I would take a break and hang around the house. It lasted for about an hour. I was looking over some paperwork that I needed to do for my other business interests and I spotted a most unusual scenario. The Agawam Junior Varsity wrestling team was going to wrestle against the varsity at Commerce High.

I thought I would go over for a while. Yeah, right. It might just have been the most competitive wrestling duel meet that I have seen yet. It might have outdone Agawam-Quabbin or even, Agawam-Westfield (from last year).

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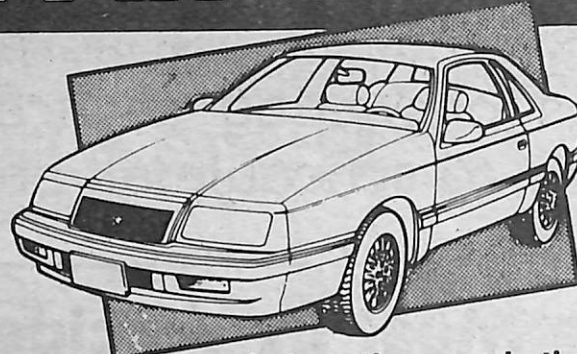
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News & Notes On AHS Varsity Basketball

by Bob Johnson
Advertiser News Sports Editor

There's an old saying, "I'd rather be lucky than good." Well, **Lou Conte's** Agawam High girls' basketball team is both. Two-time defending Western Mass champs, the kids have piled up a 26-2 mark over the past two seasons. In the match at Chicopee the other day, Agawam was locked in a two-point ballgame as the second half commenced. **Kim Trudel** made a steal in the backcourt and led **Joy Clark** perfectly for a sneakaway. The ball hit Joy right in the head and caromed right back at her. She never even broke stride. Clark threw the ball into the hoop and that ignited a big Brownie run.

During that streak, both **Maura Martin** and Trudel made free throws that got the shooter's bounce. The foul shots in question initially contacted the iron and bounced a mile in the air and then fell through cleanly. The ball bounced Agawam's way all ballgame long...

The best thing a shooter can do when they are not falling is to keep shooting. Eventually, he will get back on target. That's been proven over the years. A shooter has to want to shoot. Agawam's **Mike Briggs** showed in the East Longmeadow game that he can get "white hot" from outside. During one stretch in the second half, he made five in a row and he was very instrumental in Agawam's first win...

It was the morning of New Year's Day. The girls had a noon practice scheduled. Coach Conte had **Alonzo** and **Dikembe** in the gym half an hour early for some work on their post-up game. In reality, Alonzo and Dikembe are the trees that fuel the Georgetown University ballclub. Conte has a young duo that is pretty good now and they are going to be dynamite in the near future—sophomore **Kim Trudel** and freshman **Christine Stone**. Should they progress at anywhere near the expectations, they'll be incredible later this season or next year.

Using a pitch back machine, a rip move, a power dribble, and a baby hook, the kids are coming along at a great pace. Agawam has used a frantic pressing defense & a motion offense for two years now to offset **Tammy Butler** (Longmeadow) and **Rebecca Lobo** (Southwick). In the near future, Agawam may be the class of the league in the pivot and they'll have their version of Twin Towers...

Matt Garvey of Amherst really showed me something in the second half last Friday night at AHS. He looked like the kind of player that I wouldn't even want on my team in the first half. He spotted up from 30- and 35-feet and hoisted seemingly unconscious jumpers from everywhere. He scored 14 points in the half. Agawam had the lead at intermission with good

solid team play.

In the second half, it was like a transformation. Garvey looked like the kind of player that you would like to have four or five just like him on your team. He hustled on defense, he moved hard without the basketball, he made both fundamentally sound and flashy assists (which, of course, involved his teammates), and he drilled three-pointers at three different clutch checkpoints...

Coach **Phil Tomkiel** (wrestling) got his just due last week. In a free-throw shooting contest for charity, Joy Clark asked Squeaky (inside joke) to sponsor her. Each sponsor had to pay a dime for each made free throw. Each shooter would have 100 shots at the line.

Tomkiel admitted that he thought Joy might make somewhere in the neighborhood of 60 free throws. Nope—Tomkiel is going to have to dig deep to come up with \$8.40. Clark nailed 84 out of 100 free throws. That, my friends, is rarified air!

I don't know what they call the actual ball, but this little item might be a footnote to Clark's accurate shooting. While at practice several weeks ago, I picked up a rather large basketball that the teams sometime use. It is considerably bigger than the normal balls used in a game.

Actually, it just barely fits inside the rim on the hoop. Naturally, Clark uses that to shoot her practice free throws on occasion. Then when she gets a normal-size ball, she has a little margin of error with which to work...

Four of the boys' next five games come against the city teams. That means **Travis Best** is coming to town. He'll bring his Central Golden Eagles to Agawam High School on January 11th. At presstime, Central is 7-0 and they just won a huge basketball tournament in Raleigh, North Carolina. Best is a *Parade* All-American who will attend Georgia Tech in the fall...

Coach **Mike Martin** (Agawam boys' hoop) finally has a little stretch where he can do the things that he likes to do. For the next two weeks, the schedulemaker was kind to him. He'll be able to watch his daughters **Maura** and **Sheila** play on the girls' team and then get back in time to coach the boys' game.

In the early season, three games went head-to-head and he had to miss the girls' games. That won't happen again until January 15th when the boys travel to Commerce and the girls host Chicopee Comp...

Looking ahead at the upcoming schedule—Boys: at Holyoke (January 8th, 7:30 p.m.), vs. Central (January 11th, 7:30 p.m.); Girls: at Westfield (January 9th, 7:30 p.m.), vs. Holyoke (January 8th, 4:30 p.m.)...

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Assistant coach Gary Geiger and I coached the team that day. I had no pen or paper. I even applauded several times. The JV's were in a win-win situation, but they won the meet. It was very exciting. It was then that I realized that I almost never clap. I am always writing something down.

Thursday. There was nothing scheduled, so I did nothing. I hate days that I don't do anything. Actually, I wrote about a chapter in my upcoming novel. I guess that's not nothing, but it didn't have anything to do with writing sports.

On **Friday**, I had company and planned on spending a night with them. It was then that I got a call on the phone, "Hey Bob. Are you going to the boys' game or the girls' game tonight?" Oh well, might as well go over for a little while and see how the boys do...

We travelled to East Longmeadow and saw the boys win their first game of the season. I clapped and hollered and yelled at the referees, just like a regular fan. I was so loud that I saw the coach look up a couple of times and the players snuck a few peeks behind them. I was into it. The boys got their first win. It was really a lot of fun.

On **Saturday**, Agawam had a Wrestling Quadrangular scheduled with Longmeadow and a couple of teams in the Eastern part of the state. One team took ill and couldn't travel, but the other team came as scheduled.

The Agawam High wrestling team is **going to win** the State Championship this year. They'll be crowned on February 23rd. I say this with all the conviction in the world. But, there are a couple of meets on the journey that will solidify that opinion even more. I had to see some of the eastern competition.

This particular eastern foe was from Quincy. Longmeadow ate them up first and then Agawam finished the job. It wasn't even close. Xaverian was spared due to the stomach virus that infected their school that week.

The girls' team played Chicopee that same Friday night and actually, from all reports, had to battle to grab an eight point win. The defending Western Mass Champion Brownies are winning regularly, but it looks like they'll be in a few more dogfights than they had to deal with a year ago.

Now, I have my pen and pad again. It's time to write things down again. The action will heat up as the weather will cool down and you can read all about it in *The AAN* because now we are back from our vacation!

Italian Sporting Club Elects New Officers For 1991

On Sunday, December 23rd, the Italian Sporting Club's annual meeting was held and the following were elected officers—Terry Letellier, president; Peter Perotta, vice-president; Joe Valenti, secretary; Joe Conte, Jr., treasurer; and Raldo Malagutti, financial secretary.

Board of Directors include Larry Outhouse, Chick DellaGuistina, Vito Lenoci, Joe Conte, Sr., Nick Maratea, Don Hanna, John Conte, Al Guistina, Mike Grimaldi, Ralph Scartelli, and Silvio Bonelli.

The club continues to sponsor the Macaroni and Baked Chicken Dinners on the first Monday of the month, with the next dinner on January 7th; servings from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. Proceeds are used towards the charities the club supports.

The Italian Sporting Club bocce team, under Captain Sam Provo, had a great season winning its division and ended up in the playoffs and came in second place. The club has outdoor and indoor alleys where year-round play is held. New members are welcome.

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Westfield Rally Sinks Brownies On Ice, 6-3

by Bob Johnson
Advertiser News Sports Editor

Agawam High vs. Westfield High. Whenever that appears on a schedule in any sport, watch out. It's bound to be a contest of emotion and heart. It's true in football, basketball, soccer, baseball, and wrestling. It would be true in tiddlywinks, egg tossing, or hide and go seek. These kids get after one another.

And it was no different last Saturday night, December 29th, as the Westfield Bombers held off the Agawam Brownies, 6-3, in a wild one at the Coliseum in West Springfield.

Westfield ripped off four goals in the middle period to erase a 1-0 Agawam lead and then the Bombers held on for dear life in the third period as the Brownies came back with a vengeance.

Westfield didn't help itself in the "smarts" department by continually skating shorthanded, oftentimes in a five on three situation.

Agawam got a few fortuitous hops of the puck in the first period and escaped to the lockerroom with a 1-0 lead. Dan McCarthy scored from Sean Wandrei at 8:44 for the Brownie lead. Westfield's Matt Goodreau scored for the Bombers, but the goal was disallowed for a player in the crease.

After the Zamboni chased both teams to the lockerroom, Westfield played great on the new ice surface as the second period began. For a time, it was the Mike Callahan-Jeff Lubarsky show.

At 2:24, Callahan skated in on left wing and whipped a pass into the slot. Lubarsky collected and backhanded a shot off the right post (supposedly the goaltender's best friend). But Agawam netminder Mike Montessi got no help from his "friend" as the puck ricocheted back into the net to tie the game.

Forty seconds later, Callahan and Lubarsky were away on a two on none break. Montessi made a decision to leave the crease and it cost him. Callahan beat him to the puck and tucked one into the empty net. Westfield had a 2-1 lead at 3:04.

The Brownies swarmed in the next 30 seconds looking for the equalizer. This time the puck bounced in favor of the Bombers and Agawam's big chance trickled just wide. Soon after, Westfield was back on "0" and got itself an insurance goal. At 4:09, Callahan faked a pass that froze a Brownie defenseman and then whipped the puck upstairs past Montessi for the 3-1 cushion.

Scott Bracci, seeking Agawam's second goal, almost beat Westfield's Joe Alouise at 8:30 but the Westfield tender made a poke check at the last moment to save a nice chance for Agawam.

The next five minutes was an all-out Brownie attack. Westfield picked up four penalties in a four-and-a-half minute span and Agawam had several opportunities. Kevin Fleury let fly a couple of big-time slappers from right defense and Agawam was camped in front looking for some opportunities. Westfield held them out though and ultimately, got the game's next goal.

Off fine forechecking, Callahan grabbed an errant Agawam clearing pass and took it to the front of the cage. Drawing all the attention, the Bomber forward slid it to the right of Montessi where Lubarsky simply had to redirect it for his second tally of the contest. After two periods, Westfield led the hockey game 4-1.

The Brownies were far from baked though. Eighteen seconds into the third period, ferocious Agawam forechecking resulted in Dave Piacentini slamming home a 20-foot wrister (straightaway) on a pass from Scott Bracci on the left wing boards. Agawam was within two goals at 4-2.

Ben Benton's scrambling resulted in another Agawam tally at 2:42. His hard work gave Benton a tip-in at the crease and the Brownies had come all the way back. The next goal would be crucial.

The Agawam pressure had Westfield running around and taking penalties. The Brownies were playing as well as they had all night. Until Matt Goodreau broke away...

The Bomber junior center iceman picked up a loose puck at the red line and he went in search of the red light from the goal judge. He was in behind the defense and he laced a forehand shot into the top right corner to give the Bombers a 5-3 advantage at 5:55. Several minutes later, Goodreau had another goal disallowed (his second of the game).

That goal took the starch out of the Brownies. The opening Berry Division game belonged to the Bombers. George Brown scored on a three on none from Lubarsky at 11:36 for the closing tally.

These teams get two more cracks at one another this season. They'll have to go some to match the intensity of last Saturday night.

All the local news with us, every week!!!

Town Resident In Pan-Mass Bike Challenge



THE 11TH ANNUAL PAN-MASS Challenge, a two-day, 194-mile bicycling event from Sturbridge to Provincetown, raised \$1.3 million for Dana-Farber Cancer Institute's Jimmy Fund, a new record. Corporate sponsors included Bank of New England. Local riders in the event included Steven Stark of Agawam.

Sports A La Carte...

Miami "Steers" Texas; Poor Dallas?

by Bob Johnson
Advertiser News Sports Editor

OK, level with me—didn't the bowl games bore you to tears? I know that you sat there for 11 or 12 hours, off and on, and ruined your eyes some more. I'm guilty, too. Those blowouts were unbelievable. Miami murders Texas. I suppose that shouldn't have surprised us that much, but all the pre-game hype on that game (i.e., "Texas is going to 'steer' Miami all over the field"—that punster is wearing more than a little egg on his face), coupled with the Texas A&M bashing of BYU, had many thinking that the Southwest Conference was back. That game fooled a lot of the so-called "Sports Investors."

Clemson over Illinois by 30; Michigan over Mississippi by 32; Washington over Iowa by a dozen (though it might as well have been three dozen); Louisville's total domination (as an underdog) over Alabama (the Cardinals won by 27); and Georgia Tech's unsuccessful run at the championship despite a 24-point win over powerful Nebraska.... I was tired of Gruesome Tuesday by the time the Orange Bowl (Colorado-Notre Dame) and the Sugar Bowl (Tennessee-Virginia) came on television. Of course, they became two slam-bang affairs with everything that you could want in a football game.

Playoffs? I don't know. Apparently, the College Presidents are so much against it that it is going to take a few more years of hype and bickering to happen. Eventually, those insurance companies and overnight carriers and petroleum sellers are going to flow so much money toward the colleges that it is bound to happen. Who is fooling who?...

Let me give you my top five in college football. I'm not basing it on anything in particular; let's just say it's my own poll. Number five—Miami; number four—Clemson; number three—Colorado; number two—Georgia Tech; and number one—Washington. I don't think anybody could beat Washington (although I know two teams did, including Colorado). Don't beat on me too bad; it's only my mythical national champion...

Yes, Louisville, now I do know about BROWNING NAGLE. I also know that he is a four handicap in golf...

Did you see MICHAEL JORDAN on ROY FIRESTONE New Year's night? Rumor has it—and Michael substantiated it—that ROBIN GIVENS sent her resume to ProServ (Jordan's agent) telling Michael that she wanted to date him. It was a long story, but bottom line: Michael passed...

These announcers get on these buzzwords and they can't get off. During a Texas A&M football game back in November, a color analyst was talking about the awesome blocking of the A&M fullback named WILSON. While running interference for talented tailback DARREN LEWIS, Wilson levelled the linebacker repeatedly. The announcer called it a "pancake" block. I loved the expression; it was the first time I had heard it.

Now, in the past eight weeks, at every game (it seems) every announcer (it seems) uses pancake block at least once. Listen for it and now it will make you

mad, too. Yuk, yuk, I just wanted to share my misery with someone else...

Iowa football coach HAYDEN FRY thinks that NICK BELL, the Hawkeye 255 tailback, should be the number-one pick in the NFL draft due to his size, speed, and power. Fry thinks that Bell could even be a linebacker...

Scary but true, that left-handed quarterback (MARK BRUNELL) for the Washington Huskies is only a sophomore...

I have met too many people in the last few years who feel bad for the Dallas Cowboys. Funny, too, because the Cowboys laid just one too many hurts on me over the years, and I'm not ready to forgive them. That made my New Year's Eve to see those clowns sitting around the living room hoping to back into the playoffs. Long live the Saints!...

The only team to run it up in the bowl games was Texas A&M. The 21-point fourth quarter was unnecessary. The Aggies played a great game. They separated both of Heisman Trophy winner TY DETMER'S shoulders. They did all they came to do at the Holiday Bowl. But, I'll bet those Texans were howling last Saturday night...

I wonder which thumb hurts the most, SHAWN MOORE of the University of Virginia, or STEVE DEBERG of the Kansas City Chiefs. If you have ever had a thumb injury of any kind, you would know that they are not funny...

Did you see that Orlando's SCOTT SKILES had 30 assists in a game last week? That amazing performance set the NBA single game standard. I'll give you three guesses to figure out which team he set the record against. Did you guess Denver? Nice job...

NHL shootout time: the Jersey Devils fire 54 shots on net against Buffalo. The Sabres respond with 17 measly shots on the Devil goalie. The final score: New Jersey 4, Buffalo 4. Where's the justice?...

The Minnesota Timberwolves set their franchise record last week by scoring 126 points in a game. Geez, I wonder when they get to play Denver...

NICK FALDO was recently named World Player of the Year by *Gold Digest* for the second straight year...

Wanna hear a funny story? MOSS KLEIN wrote a column in this week's *Sporting News* that talks about the Indians making a serious "run" at the A.L. East title. They are supposedly going to have excellent speed on the bases and in the outfield and so forth. But, fly me to Vegas and I'll bet against them all day. Their manager is JOHN MCNAMARA, who is not the most imaginative man in all the world. Some of you may already know that...

It's almost time for the Super Bowl mismatch, whatever it might be. One-time quarterback VINCE FERRAGAMO once commented on the Rams being heavy underdogs to the Steelers in Super Bowl XIV: "How they arrived at their conclusions is beyond me."...

Bob Johnson On Sports...

Reporter Has No Class At Rose Bowl

by Bob Johnson
Advertiser News Sports Editor

It's almost time for the Federal Express Orange Bowl and my eyes are shaped like footballs. Every time I walk into the kitchen, my wife signals a touchdown. And believe me, I've done a lot of walks into that kitchen over the past few weeks. As a matter of fact, I'm sure I'm one of the nation's scoring leaders this month using meals and snacks as a barometer.

Somehow, I have been able to avoid the Bromo Seltzer, Alka Seltzer, and Pepto Bismol shelf in the bathroom. I love this time of year. As my waistline expands and contracts, I feel solace in the fact that most of my friends and relatives have the same difficulties in weight management during the Holiday season.

Happy New Year...now let me see that health club brochure. Tell me again, how much weight did Dan Dierdorf lose...are you sure he ate a sensible dinner? Yeah, the problem is universal. Even the skinny guys and girls complain this time of year. That extra two pounds really bothers those people, don't you know. I'd like to choke a couple of them.

So there I was snoozing through the Rose Bowl. My beloved Iowa is getting tattooed by the Huskies of Washington and I really can't be bothered with an Alabama-Louisville contest. C'mon, bring on the Fighting Irish.

I tucked my little buddy into bed and slipped quietly back into the dungeon. I've seen 63,000 sideline interviews in the past three days and none of them have been particularly earth-shattering. Injury reports, inside scoops, a little snooping around, most of it well-intentioned—nothing to write home about. You must compete with the other networks. It's part of the game.

But the clown that worked the sideline at the Rose Bowl ought to be pummeled for his performance during the third quarter! It was atrocious.

Keith Jackson threw the broadcast down to the roving reporter for his latest bit of information gathering. The young reporter stood there with a middle aged gentleman and the introduction went like this:

"Thanks Keith. Now believe it or not, this man used to play in the Rose Bowl. As a matter of fact, he is the only man to win the Rose Bowl MVP two years consecutively. His name is Bob Schoriet, formerly of the University of Washington. Hey, put on a few pounds did you Bob?"

What a jerk, eh? The man towered over the reporter and answered the question with a great deal of class. He said something to the effect that he would have to play tackle if he suited up today and then he went on to point out that it was a full 30 years ago since he played the game. He was the MVP in 1960 and 1961.

Supposedly, this little reporter never took a sensitivity class and you have to wonder if he even knew the guy with whom he was speaking. Asking that question to anyone on national television (live national television) is absolutely tasteless.

Surely, the interviewee figured he was going to get a few minutes to flash back on a very happy time in his life and immediately he finds himself explaining his current weight to a guy half his age.

The point was driven home even harder when the former MVP explained exactly how long ago he played. He spoke of his Rose Bowl experience as a two-way player (both offense and defense) and he was also the punter. The game has gone through a lot of changes since then, wouldn't you say?

I've often fantasized about National Amnesty Day. A day when you can say anything and do anything with absolutely no repercussions. I would have loved to see the man just walk away from the microphone when the question was asked. The reporter might have sweated off a few of those precious pounds of his own trying to figure out a way to send the show back to Keith Jackson in the booth.

The man was gracious in the interview, but his body language told the story tenfold. The question was unexpected, off-color, and useless. It makes sense to ask that question to George Foreman, but not to somebody's grandfather who just happened to show up at a football game.

As the interview concluded, the reporter sent it back to Jackson with this beauty - *"Seems like he's had a tough time getting away from the dinner table eh, Keith?"* Jackson replied, *"Maybe so, but he's a good guy."* Jackson got off the subject immediately and didn't prolong the man's agony.

All I can say is that I wish that reporter had my metabolism, he deserves it! And he's very lucky that the guy that he interviewed didn't have my temper because he may have never finished that interview.

Auto Swap N' Sell Slated For Big E On January 19th & 20th

On Saturday and Sunday, January 19th and 20th, Northeastern Auto enthusiasts are again in the biggest indoor all-automotive swap meet and product show (Autoparts Swap n' Sell) at the Big E (Eastern States Exposition) in West Springfield.

This new and used product trade show centers around anything automotive. This is the biggest and largest attended event of its type. And this year's All-Automotive Flea Market is even bigger and better than ever before. The popularity of this event has grown so much that this ninth annual event has used up every square foot of its vendor and product display locations.

What makes the location on the Eastern States Fairgrounds so special is the size of the building and its marketing location. The Better Living Center Building is three acres in size, is heated, has nine exit doors on the main floor, and has acres of easy, free parking. Location-wise, it is a promoter's dream as patrons from Vermont, New York, and New Hampshire just take the Mass Pike to 91 to Springfield and follow Eastern States Expo signs. The Fairgrounds are a national landmark. Over 100 motels and hotels are located in the area.

And this year's award winning show has been sighted by Trend Auto Industries of New York as the second largest and best attended off-season function of its type in the Northeast. And this year's January 19th and 20th Autoparts Swap n' Sell holds even more ingredients than ever before. Over 350 different automotive experts will have displays. Manufacturers like Morosso, Accell, Mr. Gasket, and much, much more will attend. There are the independents with used and new products, as well as frontrunning teams from oval tracks, drag racing, 4x4, antique, and much, much more.

Don't miss it! The biggest and best all Automotive Swap Meet and Flea Market of its type in New England is on Saturday and Sunday, January 19th and 20th. Show hours are Saturday, 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., and Sunday, 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

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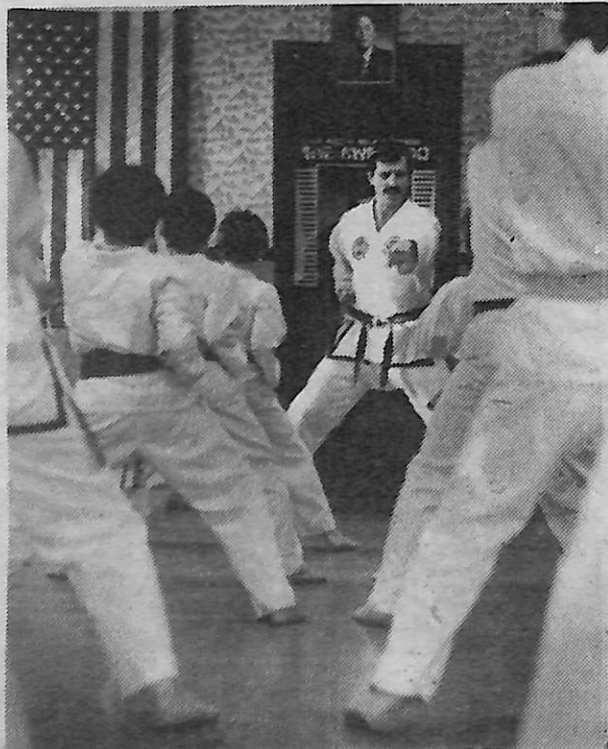
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Ag. Parks Dept. Winter Schedule

Agawam Recreation Department Winter/Spring 1991 registration begins on Wednesday, January 2nd, daily Monday through Friday, 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. No registration will be taken before January 2nd, 1991!

All programs offered on "first come-first served" basis. No phone registrations.

Registration for both youth and adult programs will be held daily Monday through Friday, from 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., in the Agawam Recreation Office located at the Agawam High School, right driveway, rear entrance. Look for the signs. All fees are payable in advance of the program. Please make all checks payable to the Town of Agawam. There will be **no refunds** of the program fee unless the program is cancelled. All programs are subject to change due to gymnasium availability and to participation.

All programs will be canceled on any day that school is closed due to inclement weather. Notification will be placed on Radio Station W.M.A.S., both A.M. and F.M. If you are still in doubt, call the Recreation Office, 786-0400, extension 456.

Perry Lane Nursery School Information

The Perry Lane Nursery School will be accepting registrations beginning February 1st, 1991 for the fall semester. This program is for all children who will have turned three or four years of age by September 30th, 1991. This is an excellent opportunity to prepare your child for kindergarten.

Session: September 9th, 1991 to May 29th, 1992

Time: Three years—Tuesday/Thursday, 9:00 to 11:30 a.m.; four years—Monday/Wednesday/Friday, 12:30 to 3:00 p.m.

Location: Perry Lane Park

Registration: Agawam Recreation Office

School Fee: Three years—\$50 per month; four years—\$65 per month

Teachers: Mary Ann Page, director; Dolly Biza, aide

YOUTH RECREATIONAL PROGRAMS

YOUTH LEARN TO SWIM:

Your child must be able to change his/her own clothes. No females will be allowed in the male locker room, as no males will be allowed in the female locker room. Release forms must be signed by a parent/guardian before a child can take part.

Session: January 19th to March 23rd, 1991 (10 weeks)

Time: Saturdays, 9:00 to 9:50 a.m. (six years and up); 10:00 to 10:50 a.m. (four and five years); 11:00 to 11:50 a.m. (four and five years).

Location: Agawam Junior High School Pool

Registration: Agawam Recreation Office

Program Fee: \$15 per child (no refunds)

Instructors: Agawam Recreation Swim Staff

Classes are limited to 25 per class. Enter the pool through the last door on the left hand side of the school.

YOUTH GYMNASTICS/OPEN GYM: This gym program will offer gymnastics as well as other programs

such as kickball, etc.

Session: January 19th to March 23rd, 1991 (10 weeks)

Time: Saturdays, 9:00 to 9:50 a.m. (beginners four and five years); 10:00 to 10:50 a.m. (beginners six and up); 11:00 to 11:50 a.m. (beginners four and up)

Location: Agawam Junior High School Gym

Registration: Agawam Recreation Office

Program Fee: \$15 per child (no refunds)

Instructors: Agawam Recreation Department Gymnastic's staff.

All classes are limited to 30 students per class on a first-come, first-served basis. Release forms must be signed by a parent/guardian before a child may be able to participate. Sneakers must be worn. Enter the gym through the last door on the left side of the Junior High School.

DANCE-FUNKY ACRO JAZZ FOR BEGINNERS: This is a new dance program. It is a combination of acrobatic exercise and basic jazz movement for beginners from kindergarten-fourth grade.

Session: January 15th/18th to March 19th/22nd, 1991 (10 weeks)

Time: Tuesdays, 3:00 to 3:45 p.m.—Granger School Gym; Fridays, 3:45 to 4:30 p.m.—Robinson School Gym

Registration: Agawam Recreation Department

Program Fee: \$15 per child (no refunds)

Instructors: Ann Marie's Dance Studio

Classes are limited to 25 per class. Release forms must be signed by a parent/guardian before a child may be able to participate. Appropriate footwear must be used.

ADULT RECREATIONAL PROGRAMS

WOMEN'S LOW IMPACT AEROBICS/EXERCISE/SWIM: This program is a low-impact aerobics course designed to stretch and tone. If you wish to swim after the Monday program, it is already included in the cost.

Session: January 14th/16th to March 18th/20th, 1991 (10 weeks)

Time: Mondays, 7:00 to 9:00 p.m., Junior High Gym "A"; Wednesdays, 7:15 to 8:15 p.m., Robinson Park School

Registration: Agawam Recreation Office

Program Fee: \$40 per person (no refunds). If you wish to join for one night, cost is \$25 per person

Instructor: Willie Fortini.

Third session—April 1st/3rd to June 3rd/5th, 1991

WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL/SWIM:

Session: January 14th to March 18th, 1991 (10 weeks)

Time: Mondays, 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Location: Agawam Junior High School Gym "B"

Registration: Agawam Recreation Office

Program Fee: \$25 per person (no refunds)

Supervisor: Willie Fortini.

Third session—April 1st to June 3rd, 1991

MEN'S RECREATIONAL VOLLEYBALL: This program is informal. It provides exercise, fun and competition.

Session: January 15th to March 19th, 1991 (10 weeks)

Time: Tuesdays, 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.

Location: Robinson Park School

Registration: Agawam Recreation Office

Program Fee: \$25 per person (no refunds)

Supervisor: John Pavelcsyk

CO-ED RECREATIONAL VOLLEYBALL: This is a co-ed recreational volleyball program. It is open to all adult men or women who would like fun, exercise, and competition. There will be a limit of 26 people for this program.

Session: January 15th to March 19th, 1991 (10 weeks)

Time: Tuesdays, 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Location: Agawam Middle School Gym

Registration: Agawam Recreation Office

Program Fee: \$25 per person (no refunds)

Supervisor: Recreation Staff

OPEN GYM:

Session: January 7th/10th to March 25th/28th, 1991

Time: Mondays and Thursdays, 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.

Location: Agawam High School Gym

Registration: Not required

Fee: \$2 per person per night (pay the supervisor at the door)

Please supply your own basketballs

CIVIC ORGANIZATION GYM & SWIM: The Junior High School gym and pool will be available to civic groups and clubs of Agawam on Friday nights through reservation. There will be a \$45 charge per hour. This fee includes the lifeguard.

Session: January through May, 1991

Time: Fridays, 8:00 to 10:00 p.m.

Location: Agawam Junior High School Gym and Pool

Registration: Agawam Recreation Office

RECREATION SWIM SCHEDULE: The pool at the Agawam Junior High School will be open for public swim for both youths and adults on Sunday afternoons and Monday evenings. It is recommended that you leave no valuables in the locker room or pool area. A lifeguard will be on duty. All pool rules are in effect. No cut-offs are allowed in the pool.

Session: Sundays, January 6th to March 14th, 1991

Time: 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Session: Mondays, January 7th to March 25th, 1991

Time: 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Location: Agawam Junior High School Pool

Registration: Not required

Pool Fee: \$2 per person (pay the lifeguard on duty).

Children under four free.

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Sportsmen's Corner

— By Bill Chiba —



Gallup Poll Shows What People Really Think!!!

In recent weeks, reports that Alex Gallup had "disavowed" the results of a public opinion survey commissioned by the National Shooting Sports Foundation have been circulated by animal rights activists.

In response to these charges, NSSF has requested and received a letter from the Gallup Organization attesting to the accuracy and authenticity of the poll.

The survey was not well received by the animal rightists, since the results show that 90 percent of the respondents disagree with the activities of animal rights groups, and that 77 percent of those surveyed oppose a total ban on hunting.

The following are the true facts: The Gallup Organization confirmed that Alex Gallup did in fact make comments to a representative of the Friends of Animals regarding the NSSF commissioned poll. In his telephone conversation with the animal rights activist, Gallup is reported to have expressed outrage. He is also reported to have said that the survey would never have gotten by him.

A letter from Scott S. Ahlstrand, Senior Project leader for Gallup's Association Research Group, who conducted the survey, reaffirms the validity, accuracy, and impartiality of the survey.

In the fourth paragraph of the letter, Ahlstrand states that he, not the NSSF, wrote the final questions.

The NSSF and Gallup Organization stand by the results of this survey. "The survey we commissioned was scientific, honestly administered, and accurately reported," says Bob Delfay, executive director of the NSSF. "I can fully understand why the animal rights groups would do whatever they could to soften the blow of learning that 90 percent of the American public disapproves of the activities of animal rights groups. Likewise, I suspect a similar majority would be disturbed by the attempts of the animal groups to use comments from Alex Gallup to dismiss a valid sampl-

ing of the American public."

A New Deer Season Record

Massachusetts shotgunners established a record deer kill for the second consecutive year, according to the MDFW. In 1989, preliminary harvest figures of 4,770 deer taken during the shotgun season set a new state record. That record was eclipsed this year when preliminary figures revealed a harvest of 4,965 whitetails.

Not only did hunters down a large number of deer but many of those deer satisfied the "bigger is better" thinkers. About 20 deer weighed over 190 pounds dressed. More than half of them exceed 200 pounds, with two bucks being the state's first Boone and Crockett Club candidates. The largest deer on record with the Division at this time was a 223 pound, 8 ounce, 8 point buck taken in Stow by 17 year-old James Loomer of Maynard.

The Fisheries and Wildlife Board will consider issues pertaining to deer hunting at its January 22nd, meeting to be held in Westboro Headquarters.

Changes to be considered at the January public hearing at 2:00 p.m. are:

- to permit the use of the mini-ball or the maxi-ball during the Primitive Firearms Deer Season;

- to permit the use of grunt tubes. Current regulations prohibit the use of any sound making device—a regulation designed primarily to prohibit loud, non-natural sounds and/or electronic noisemakers which could disturb others hunting in the area. During 1988 the board voted to permit the rattling of antlers. The current proposal would allow the use of a breath powered grunt tube;

- to prohibit the baiting of deer. Under current regulation it is illegal to place a salt lick or the like in an area to attract deer. Other baits are not addressed. Since portions of the deer season overlap the fall turkey hunting season and parts of the bear hunting season during which baiting is specifically prohibited, the division's biologists propose that baiting of deer be made illegal as well. This will assist in enforcement by making the regulation consistent during turkey, bear, and deer season;

- to prohibit the use of decoys. The use of decoys for hunting deer is a relatively new phenomenon and one which has the potential to endanger individuals transporting a decoy through the woods during deer season. To secure hunter safety, the division proposes that this hunting device be prohibited.

Persons wishing to comment on the above but are unable to attend are invited to contact the board in writing at 100 Cambridge Street, Boston, MA, 02202.

Great Comebacks Key Play Of Bay West Squirt One Hockey

Three comebacks in three games highlighted play for the Bay West Squirt One hockey team in recent Greater Springfield Junior Amateur Hockey Association play.

In one of their stronger comebacks of the season, the Bay West Squirt One team rallied from a two-goal deficit on Friday, December 14th, at the Olympia to defeat Greenfield, 3-2.

One of the turning points in the game came in the second period. With Bay West trailing 2-0, goalie Eric Daris came up with a spectacular save on a shot labeled for the far corner. The next goal proved to be a big one. Nick Marsh got Bay West on the board after taking a nice pass from Tim Coombs who worked the puck through traffic and across the blue line.

Then with only 1:43 remaining in the game, Bay West tied the contest when Adam DelPozzo backhanded a shot past the Greenfield goalie. Nick Marsh assisted.

And in dramatic fashion just 40 seconds later with only 1:30 remaining, Steve Gallant completed the comeback knocking in a loose puck in front of the Greenfield goal. Dan Hershel, who dug the puck out of the corner and centered it to Gallant, got the assist along with Jeff Tisdell.

On Sunday, December 23rd, the Bay West Squirt One team and Enfield played an old-fashioned barn burner at the Enfield Twin Rinks. Again, Bay West spotted the opposition two goals and then came storming back.

Trailing 2-0 midway through the second period, Albert Cavaliero scored an unassisted goal from the left point. Bay West then struck for two more goals before the period ended. Adam DelPozzo tied the game at 2-2 on assists from Tim Coombs and Nick Marsh. Steve Gallant then gave Bay West a 3-2 lead on an assist from Jeff Tisdell.

But Enfield struck quickly for two goals before the period ended to jump back into the lead 4-3. However, Bay West did not quit as Tim Coombs and Nick Marsh scored in the third period to give Bay West a 5-4 lead. Ryan Roberts and Adam DelPozzo getting assists. But Enfield got the game tying goal with 2:37 remaining and the final score was 5-5.

And last Sunday, December 30th, Bay West staged another comeback to avert a loss by getting the game-tying goal against Ludlow with only 50 seconds left in the game. In that game, Tim Coombs got the tying goal after coach Mark Navone pulled his goalie in favor of a sixth skater. Michael Yu got the other Bay West goal firing him a loose puck after a beautiful end-to-end rush by Ryan Roberts. Goalie Eric Daris came up with some excellent saves. The defense of Ryan Roberts, Stefan Young, Richie Feeley, and Albert Cavaliero did a good job in protecting their goalie.

The Bay West Squirt One team coached by Mark Navone and Larry Marsh finished the month of December going undefeated in their last six games and completing the month with a record of 5 wins, 2 losses, and 3 ties.

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And after the sixth week of Round Two, Boston College (18 wins) widened its lead to 4½ games over three teams with 14 wins each - Georgetown, St. Mary, and Catholic University.

BC pushed St. Michael (10th place-10 wins) closer to the cellar by virtue of a three wins to one match. BC winners were MISSY BARR (250), KATHY BURLINGHAM (299-102.4 average, second in Women's Open Class), and captain JOHN "The Hammer" O'CONNELL (301). "The Hammer" was way off his average of 115.15 in this one (tops in the entire league), but it was more than enough to snuff out St. Mike's captain RENEE JURY (262). The only St. Mike's winner was TONY "I'm Not A Captain" KOZAK (289).

Second place Georgetown defeated disappointing Notre Dame (11th place-9 wins), three wins to one. ND which began Round I in a tizzy but finished with a rush, again are plagued by a slow start in Round Two.

G-Town winners were JERRY ALLEN, JR. (292), VENETTA SNYDER (270), and captain DEBBIE POIRIER (301). Debbie totally demolished shocked ND captain FRANK "The Tank" MOCCIO, who obviously was more interested in the upcoming holidays than taking care of business on the lanes. "The Tank" stumbled and bumbled with a 274 (now in fourth place in the Men's Open Class at 107.43). Debbie leads the women at 105.32. The only ND winner was third roller ANN O'CONNELL (300-won her match by 45 pins to salvage one victory for her team).

Third place St. Mary dropped Loyola (5th place-13 wins) in a key matchup, three wins to one. This was a rather close match. Winners for St. Mary were AL "The Fearsome One" MOCCIO (298-287 over STEP STEPIANIAN), and captain JOHN PROVOST (331-109.20, se-

cond in Men's Open Class). Provost defeated the challenge of disappointed Loyola captain STEVE ROVITHIS, who hit a 315 (third in Men's Open Class at 107.46). The only Loyola winner was JAY LAGODITZ (222-218 over KIM VIENS). St. Mary's CAROLINE COELLN and Loyola's CHRIS BUKOWSKI tied at 273 each.

Round One champion Villanova (9th place-10 wins) is attempting to get its Round Two act together after setting back fourth place Catholic University (14 wins), three games to one. This may prove costly to CU as Round Two moves into the second half.

Villanova winners were SANDY PRZESZLO, who fired a huge 324 for a 56-pin victory, and captain "Jungle" JIM BURLINGHAM, who fired a nifty 330 at outgunned CU captain RICH SNYDER (308). "Jungle Jim" leads the Men's Class AAA in rolling at a lofty 107.18, while Snyder is fifth place in the same class at 103.16. The two CU winners were CHRIS STEPANIAN (274) and JIM SNYDER (Rich's brother), who fired a nice 322 to pick up 46 pins for his team. J. Snyder rolls in the Men's Class AA at a 100.29 clip.

Sixth place St. Anselm (13 wins) split with seventh place Fordham (11½ wins), our defending Grand Champions, two wins each. St. A's winners were "Steady" EDDIE GALLERANI (280) and captain BRIAN OSBORNE (313-4th place in Men's Class AAA at 103.33). The two Fordham winners were STELLA BARBIERI (286-85.29 in Women's Class A) and JOHN MLINEK (269-266 over VI MASSOIA). Fordham captain OLLIE MULDER could muster no better than a 296 (103.37 average in Men's Class AAA).

In the final match of the night, eighth place Holy Cross (11 wins) vastly improved its stock by dropping last place St. Louis (6 wins), four wins to none. HC winners were LISA ALLEN (282), college boy JOHN LONCRINI (305-leads Men's Class A in rolling at 96.28; STEP STEPIANIAN is only inches away at 96.26), and TERRY CERPOVICZ (277). The lone St. Lou winner was LOU MULDER. He took a 12-pin victory over LARRY VIENS, 324-312. Viens leads the Men's Class AA at 106.23.

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The Agawam Revolver Club, Inc. is offering a National Rifle Association sponsored Basic Pistol Marksmanship and Safety Course on January 25th and 26th. The course is open to the public as well as to club members. Anyone wishing to join the Agawam Revolver Club must first take this course.

The course will be held at the indoor range at 234 Southwick Street, Feeding Hills. Class schedule is 6:00 p.m., Friday night and Saturday morning at 9:00 a.m. Attendance at both classes is mandatory for certification. There will be a written and practical test.

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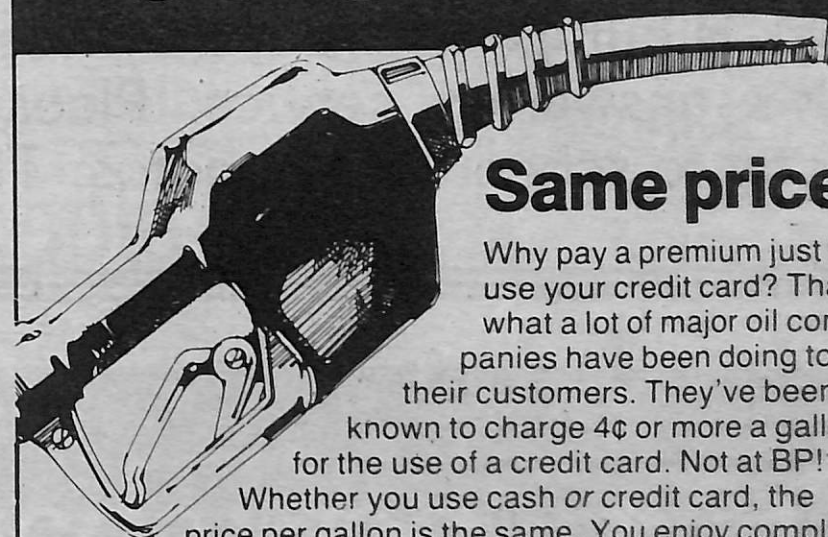
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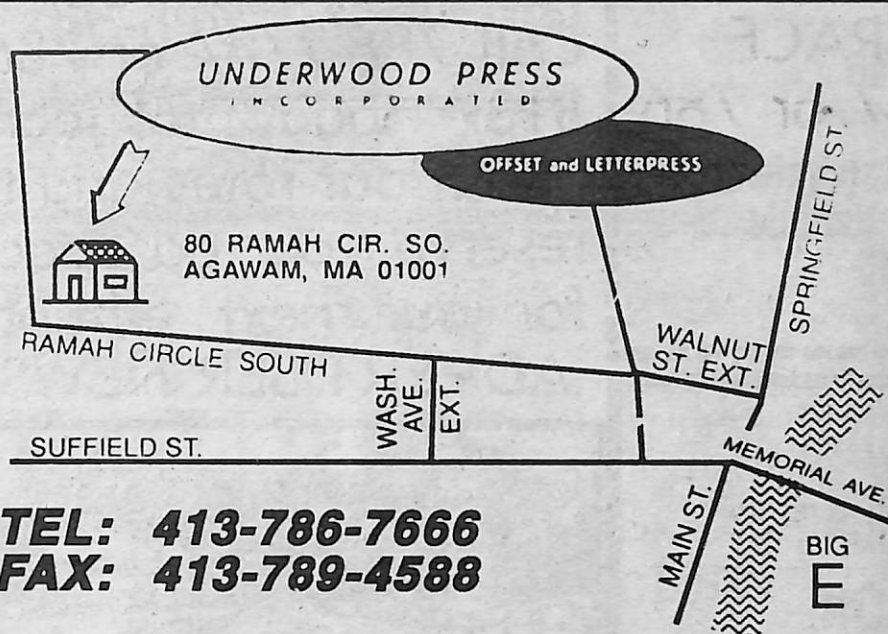


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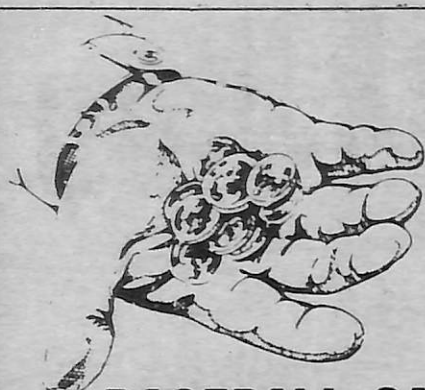
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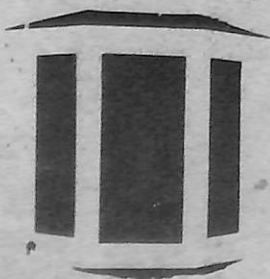
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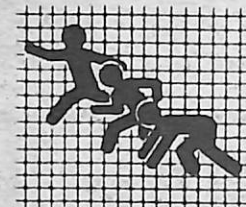
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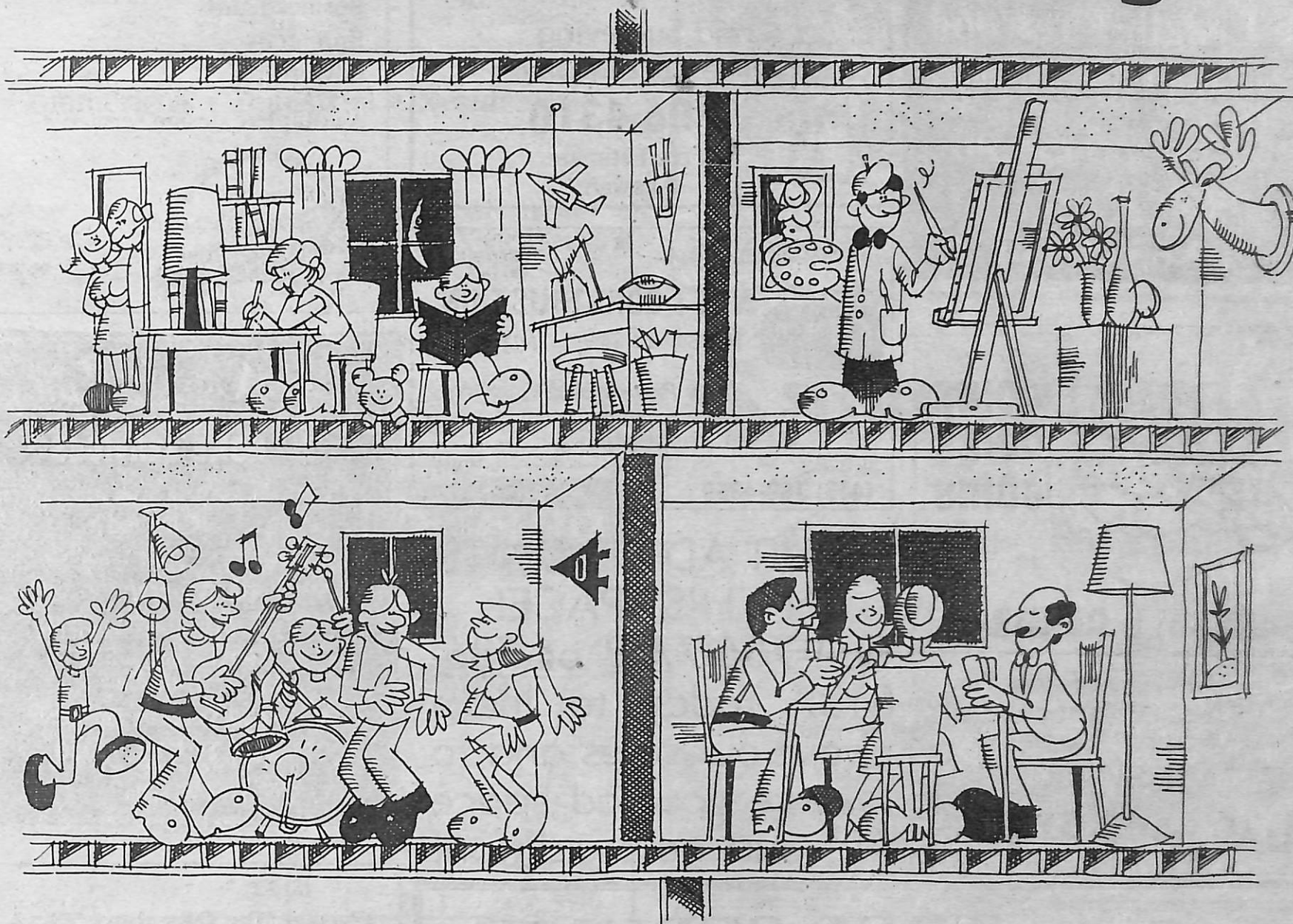
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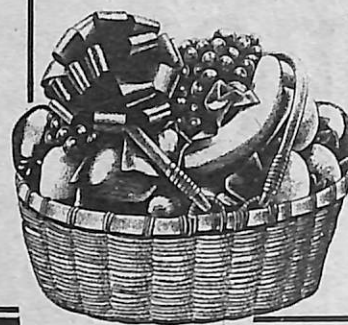
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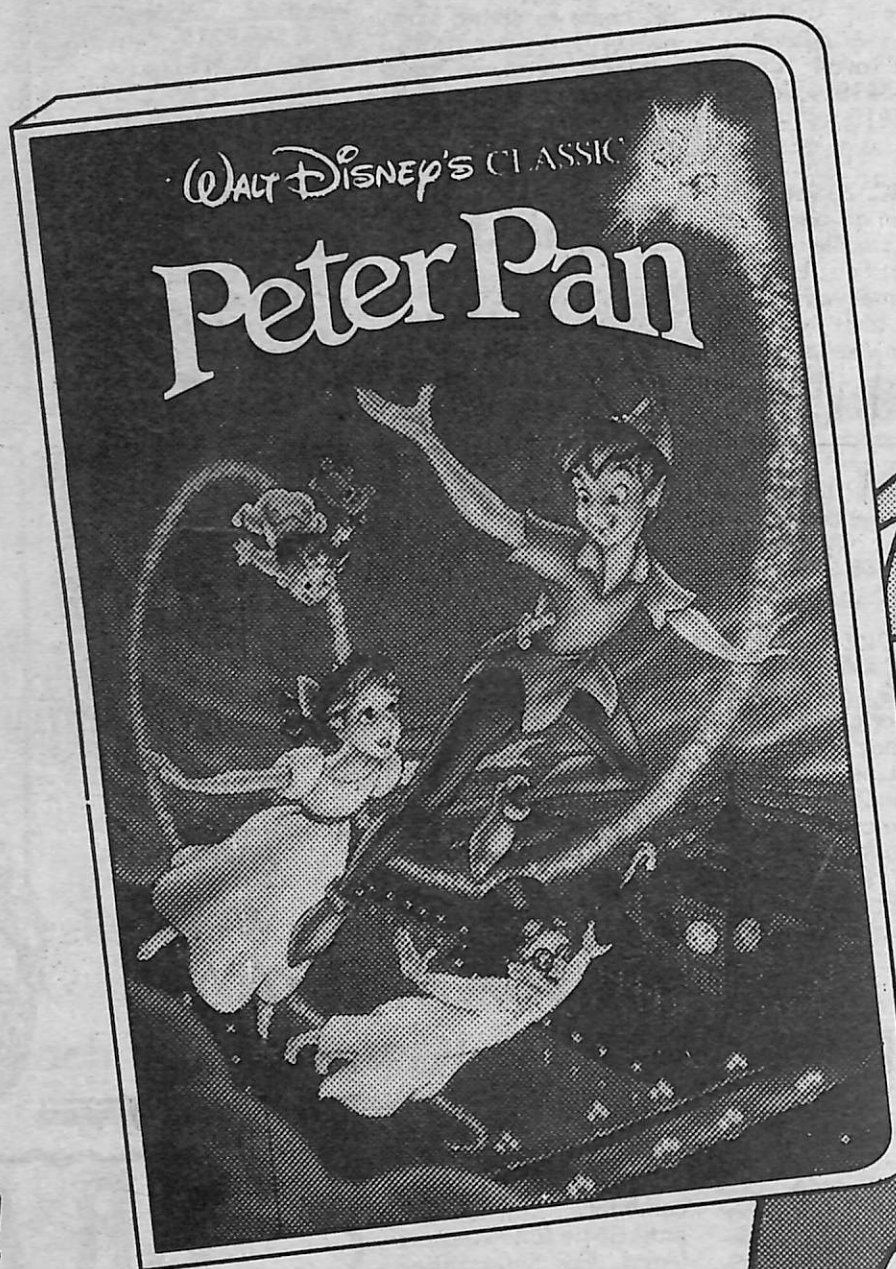
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